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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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The Band Perry

photo by David McClister

## Lakeside Country Bash Announces 2013 Performers

Chart-topping sibling trio The Band Perry will headline the 5th annual Lakeside Country Bash on Sunday,

December 15 at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. Sponsored by Sam Galloway Ford, Lakeside Country Bash will include special performances by country music artists Joe Nichols, Josh Thompson and Craig Campbell with music remix artist DJ DU playing country hits in between sets. Gates open at noon, with the first performance beginning at 1 p.m.

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## The Four Freshmen At Shell Point



The Four Freshmen

Masters of harmony, The Four Freshmen will present a variety of traditional hits and holiday favorites on Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium on the Island at Shell Point Retirement Community.

Sharing the sounds that have enamored listeners worldwide for 65 years, The

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## New Fort Myers Library Is Now Open To Public

The new state-of-the-art Fort Myers Regional Library, a joint venture between Lee County and the City of Fort Myers, opened to the public on Wednesday, December 11. This new library, at 2450 First Street, nearly triples the size of the previous one-story library.

This is one of 13 libraries in the Lee County Library System, a department of Lee County government.

The library campus comprises two buildings, public plazas and multipurpose spaces, which provides a venue for library-sponsored and other downtown events.

The north library building features two stories, a collection of more than 165,500 items (which includes books, books on CD, DVDs, music CDs, kits and many special collections). It features extensive use of glass, an outdoor reading deck, separate adult, teen and youth reading areas as well as an extensive genealogy collection housed in its own room.

Technology includes Wi-Fi, 82 public Internet access computers, six self-checkout stations and an automated handling system for returned materials. The Telephone Reference Call Center service



The new downtown library

is also based in this building.

The south building, at 1651 Lee Street, houses the library system's Talking Books Library and Books-by-Mail service. It also offers meeting rooms for public use and will be available for booking reservations beginning on January 11.

The outdoor plaza offers access to free Wi-Fi, a variety of seating options, open green space, a shaded amphitheater and a water feature with art sculpture. The buildings were planned to reduce environ-

mental impact.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 10 at 10 a.m. and the all day grand opening celebration will be on Saturday, January 11, featuring live music, local authors, storytelling and programs and activities for all ages.

The library's regular operating hours will be Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5

p.m.; and closed on Sundays.

Limited parking is available on site based on community input that indicated this project should be integrated into the urban atmosphere of the River District. Initially, on-site parking will be free; meters will be installed to be consistent with the metered parking in the area. Surrounding downtown parking is also available. The River District Trolley provides free seasonal service to the downtown area.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Yacht Basin, Christmas 1946

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



When Billy Nalle filmed the Fort Myers Yacht Basin and riverfront park on Christmas Day 1946, the section of Hendry Street pictured here epitomized the title “City of Palms.”

This block pictured in a film still was only a few years old then, having been created from fill as part of the yacht basin.

The Works Project Administration (WPA) had begun construction on the basin on New Year’s Day 1937 and continued for almost two years.

The federally-funded project provided jobs and an economic boost to the area during the latter days of the Great Depression.

By 1946, a new feeling was in the air. World War II had recently ended and downtown started to grow rapidly.

Several years later, in 1954, the Exhibition Hall would rise on the west (left) side of this block. The band shell adjacent to it would host many holiday celebrations featuring the Singing Christmas Tree.

Many changes have occurred since Nalle stood at Edwards Drive and focused his new Kodak movie camera on this scene.

Not only has the Exhibition Hall been built and demolished, but the yacht basin and the park have undergone at least two expansions. In the 1980s, the park was renamed Centennial Park.

Most recently, the Riverfront Detention Basin Project transformed the riverfront at Hendry Street.



Since Billy Nalle filmed the yacht basin, the Exhibition Hall has come and gone, the basin and park have been expanded, and the Riverfront Detention Basin Project has been completed. The City Pier Building now sits at the river.

photo by Gerri Reaves



This Kodachrome movie still captures the scene at the foot of Hendry Street on Christmas Day 1946

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Billy Nalle Collection

The man who filmed this scene was an acclaimed musician and composer and a Fort Myers native. His interest in photography and filmmaking began as early as his high-school years. (He was a 1939 graduate of Fort Myers High School.)

In May 1946, upon being discharged from the U.S. Navy, he purchased a new camera and set about making films and reveling in civilian life.

He lived in New York City following World War II and had a career in the heady new medium of live network television.

Lucky for local history buffs, he visited his hometown occasionally and brought his camera with him.

Nalle’s Fort Myers films from the late 1930s and the 1940s will be screened on January 16 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars for this event sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society.

You’ll see shots of Page Field in 1938, the class of 1939 hanging out at the old high school on Thompson Street, and a commemorative VJ-Day celebration at the Civic Center in 1947, complete with the Fort Myers High School Green Wave band marching in a parade – and more.

Meanwhile, walk down to the Yacht Basin and imagine it’s 1946. The war is over, downtown is booming, and Fort Myers has one of the prettiest urban waterfronts in Florida.

Then, take the pleasant walk south to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [www.museumofhistory.org](http://www.museumofhistory.org). Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society’s research center to learn more about the Billy Nalle collection.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the society at 939-4044, or visit on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.✧



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Fort Myers Public Art:

## Artist's Surrealism Looks Beyond The Surface

by Tom Hall



Throughout the course of history, trees have occupied a very special place in the hearts and lives of man. That is especially true in Celtic cultures, where almost every tree was thought to possess some magical power or serve as the abode of fairies.

Florida Gulf Coast University graduating senior Hadar Frey also feels a keen affinity for trees, and has used them consistently in her artwork as metaphors for nearly 20 years. In *Beyond The Surface*, she has combined them with the female figure to express important truths common to Celtic, Hebrew and American culture.

Frey started in art when she was just 6 years old. With the tutelage of a private teacher, she quickly developed her innate talent and modelling skills, evolving her own unique expressive/surrealist style by the time she was 13. But throughout that time and since, she has been consistently coupled the woman's figure and trees.

"I did some research to better understand my dual fascination, and I discovered that trees not only held a sacred place in Celtic culture, but that Celtic people saw trees as human ancestors," Frey explained. "They centered whole communities around trees like the oak, ash, apple and willow."

The importance of trees in Ireland is legendary. Out of 16,000 towns in Ireland, 13,000 are named after trees. And trees form the basis for the Celtic alphabet, called ogham, where words are formed from bottom to top just as a tree grows from its roots to upper branches.

"The tree of life has very strong symbolism in Hebrew," noted Hadar, who hails from Israel, "and so it all came together for me – my religion, my beliefs and the Celtic beliefs."

Frey walks to a vibrantly colorful painting of a willow finished with translucent layers of laquer. "Willows possess stability and strength, and can withstand a lot," the raven-haired artist stated, her distinctive Israeli accent perfuming both her words and the thoughts they express. In Druid lore, willows inspired writers, artists and other creative souls, infusing them with inspiration, skills and even prophecies. But Frey's connection is more direct.

"The face is mine," she added, nodding her chin at the countenance of the female form woven intricately into the trunk of the stately tree. Like the willow, Frey has weathered numerous difficulties since arriving in America eight years ago. Beyond the nettlesome idioms and linguistic challenges associated with learning a language like English, she also found it necessary to negotiate a host of cultural differences that even included the very



FGCU senior Hadar Frey's art show is entitled *Beyond The Surface*

nature of how a woman expresses herself in American society. People in positions of authority – from employers to teachers – don't always appreciate strong-willed women who speak their minds.

"This is an ash," she said, pointing to a van Dyke brown trunk painted against a deeply spiritual purple sky bisected by descending shafts of yellow-white light. "It has really strong roots, which were believed by the Celts to be doorways to the Underworld. The trunk connects heaven and the Underworld. The branches reach toward heaven and provide a spiritual connection to the world, which I have signified through shafts of light."

In Celtic lore, the ash represented life because of its healing properties and purported ability to insulate people against malady, including witchcraft. The female figure jutting from the trunk of this tree is pregnant, just like Hadar.

While Frey doesn't dwell on the more Wiccan aspects of the Celtic belief structure, she does acknowledge that she chose a pregnant woman for the trunk of her ash because "a woman is the source of life, just like the ash symbolizes life."

Although *Beyond The Surface* is inspired by the Celtic belief system, Frey has clearly added her own spin on their ideas and symbols.

"My works hold the characteristics of the Surrealist style, and they have different repetitive symbols that come together to tell a story," she sums up. "They combine ancient ideas with my own ideas and create something new and beautiful out of them. Each painting gives the viewer the opportunity to look beyond the surface and see something introspective."

You can see *Beyond The Surface* at the Art Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast University now through December 14. Located at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in the Arts Complex, the Art

Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast University is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Thursday evenings 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 590-7199.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to [www.truetours.net](http://www.truetours.net).\*

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Zonta members protest violence at the commission meeting

## County Recognizes Zonta Clubs

On Tuesday, December 3, the Board of Lee County Commissioners issued a proclamation in recognition of Zonta Club of Fort Myers, Zonta Club of Bonita Springs and Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva for their efforts to raise awareness about and support initiatives that work toward preventing violence against women.

The proclamation expressed the county's support of these groups and their mission to mobilize the Lee County community to prevent violence against women.

"Zonta Club of Fort Myers is honored to be recognized by Lee County for our work with the 'Zonta Says NO' campaign. We appreciate all of the community support we have received in our efforts to raise awareness about this vital issue and bring the community together to end violence against women," says Martha Nagata of Zonta Club of Fort Myers.

"Zonta Says NO" is a global campaign that focuses on this worldwide problem.

On November 25, Zonta International launched the "6 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." This campaign called upon members from 1,200 Zonta clubs in 65 countries to march, demonstrate, educate, and launch other activities to raise awareness about this serious global issue.

"One in three women worldwide will experience physical or sexual violence. This is not just a problem that affects women in other countries, but also women right here in Lee County. In November, the Zonta groups of district 11 put up orange ribbons on power poles and street lights along US 41. "We want to get people talking and taking action to prevent violence against women," says Nagata.

The Zonta clubs in Lee County have also partnered with agencies such as the Abuse Counseling & Treatment Center, PACE Center for Girls, SalusCare and Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships to help provide grants and offer support to these organizations that offer services to victims.✧



Becky Wiehe and Marietta Meacham attach orange ribbons to lights and power poles

## Orange Ribbons Decry Violence Against Women

Zonta Club of Fort Myers is participating in Zonta says NO, a campaign designed by Zonta International to raise awareness and help bring an end to violence against women and girls across the globe.

Together with other Zonta groups in District 11, the Zonta Club of Fort Myers will be putting up orange ribbons on power poles and street lights along US 41 to raise awareness and incite discussion about this important issue.

The Zonta Says NO campaign began in November 2012 and will continue through December 2013. Zonta clubs across the world are activating the community through awareness campaigns such as the orange ribbons.

"Our club is working with other clubs in our district so that we can make the biggest impact possible. This is a vital issue that affects women right in our own town. Our hope is that these orange ribbons will get people talking and taking action," said Martha Nagata of Zonta Club of Fort Myers.

Orange is the color chosen by the United Nations to designate issues regarding violence against women. By placing these bright orange ribbons in visible areas along US 41, Zontians are hoping to draw public attention to an important global issue.

This project is part of Zonta International's 16 Days of Activism, a global campaign where Zonta's membership demonstrates solidarity in raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue on local, national, regional, and international levels.✧

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## Lakeside Country Bash

Tickets are available at \$40 each for advance general admission. In addition, a limited number of advance VIP general admission seated tickets are available for \$85. Day-of tickets are sold at the gate for \$50 for general admission. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster retail outlets and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or avoid ticket surcharges by purchasing at Sam Galloway Ford located at 1800 Boy Scout Drive in Fort Myers, all IBERIABANK locations in Lee and Collier counties, or Lakes Regional Park. The proceeds benefit the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation in support of ongoing enhancements at Lakes Park.

Since releasing their self-titled debut album on Republic Nashville in 2010, The Band Perry has ascended to dizzy heights. Fronted by Kimberly Perry and rounded out by her younger brothers Neil and Reid, the band has notched a string of hit singles, including the quadruple-platinum *If I Die Young* (which climbed to No. 1 on Billboard's Country and AC charts), the platinum *You Lie* and the gold-certified Country No. 1 *All Your Life* as well as *Better Dig Two* from their sophomore release *PIONEER*, which debuted at No.1 on the Billboard Country Albums Chart and No. 2 All Genre. The project, produced by Dann Huff, sold nearly 130,000 copies in the first week and has received acclaim from top critics across the country. They've also enjoyed

sold-out headlining dates and a showering of honors, including multiple ACM, CMA and CMT Music awards, as well as Teen Choice, AMA, ACA and Billboard Music award nominations – all of which has cemented the sibling trio as one of the hottest acts in recent history.

Sponsorship opportunities also available at a variety of levels and include exclusive VIP-area tickets with catering, restrooms and front-stage access. For sponsorship opportunities and additional information, visit [www.lakesidecountrybash.com](http://www.lakesidecountrybash.com), call 533-7575 and tune in to Cat Country 107.1.✪

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## New Library Now Open

The trolley stops on every corner along First Street between Monroe and Fowler. Passengers can hop on and off as often as they like and never pay a fare. The trolley runs every 20 to 30 minutes from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Bryce Habuda and Paul Magsig

## Students Help Set World Record

Students at Southwest Florida Christian Academy in Fort Myers helped set a new world record in sport stacking. With help from 190 academy stackers, the record was set on November 14, as part of the 2013 STACK UP!

According to the World Sport Stacking Association, this year's event exceeded all expectations with 555,932 stackers taking part on Guinness World Records Day smashing the 2012 mark of 483,658.

The stackers spanned the globe, hailing from 30 countries and representing 2,631 schools and organizations.

This is the eighth year the association has teamed up with teachers, physical educators and youth leaders from around the world to set a Guinness World Record for Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations in One Day.

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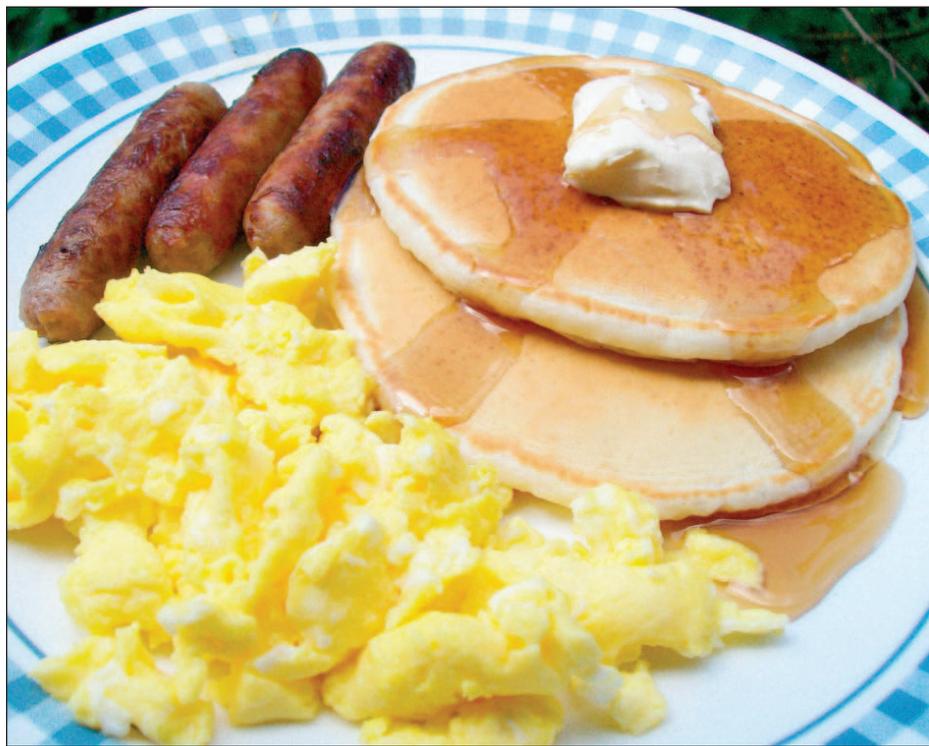
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## Bayside Men's Pancake Breakfast



On Sunday, December 8, the Bayside Men's Club hosts its first monthly pancake breakfast of the season from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Bayside Recreation Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice will be served for \$5. Pancake breakfasts will also be served January 12, February 9 and March 9.

Bayside Estates is off San Carlos Boulevard, just south of Pine Ridge Road in south Fort Myers. Signs are at both entrances.

For more information, call Ken Wescoat at 609-226-9955.✪

## Local Modern Woodmen Plan Fundraiser For PACE Center For Girls

Members of the Fort Myers and Cape Coral Modern Woodmen of America Chapters will sponsor a fundraiser on Tuesday, December 17 at the Westin Cape Coral Resort from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Lee County PACE Center For Girls.

Plans for the fundraiser include a silent auction, drinks and hor'devours.

The money raised will be matched by Modern Woodmen's home office, up to \$10,000, through the fraternal benefit society's Matching Fund Program and will be used for the building fund at the new school.

The Matching Fund Program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need by holding fundraisers. These fundraising projects contribute more than \$6.5 million to community needs nationwide each year.

"With this project, every dollar truly counts," said Jarrett Glosson, local Modern Woodmen Regional Director. "It's exciting to be involved in a project that is so important to our community."

Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, chapters provide opportunities to take part in social activities and community service projects to meet local needs. For more information or to get involved, contact Penny Moore at 628-1280 or penny.j.moore@mwarep.org.✪

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## Downtown Walking Tours

History tours in downtown Fort Myers take place Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The Public Art Tour is Sundays at 1 p.m. and the Haunted History Tour takes place Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

The Downtown Revitalization tour is scheduled for the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

For reservations call 945-0405.✪

## Annual Hendry House Gathering

On Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m., the Major W. M. Footman Camp #1950 Sons of Confederate Veterans invites the public to its 13th annual Hendry House Gathering in Labelle.

A main course, along with sweet tea, coffee and soda are provided. Guests are requested to bring a covered dish or dessert along with a \$5 donation per person. It is a day of Southern fellowship.

The party is held at the historic Capt. Francis A. Hendry Estate, 512 Fraser Street, Labelle. For more information, call Robert Gates at 332-2408.✪

## Craft And White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers.

The public is invited to attend this sale. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Marge Gregg at 466-5331.✪

## HORTOONS





Wilson Vasquez

Eduardo Diego

## For Christmas, Share A Child's Imagination

Wilson Vasquez, whose dad works in a nursery, wants to be an engineer some day. Eduardo Diego, son of a landscape worker, wants to work in an office building.

The imaginations of both boys are taking flight this month in the form of Christmas cards. The boys are among dozens of children from low-income Florida families whose art won a place in the annual collection of cards sold by Redlands Christian Migrant Association.

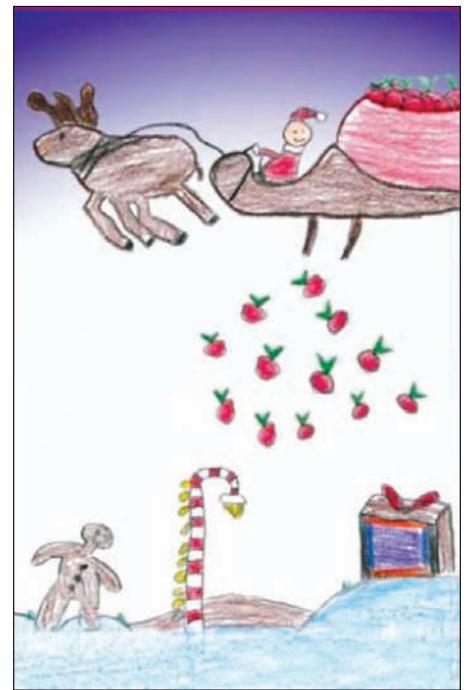
The cards can be ordered online at [www.rcma.org](http://www.rcma.org). From there, click "How You Can Help," then "Christmas Card Drive." RCMA's Judy Brill also takes orders by phone at 800-282-6540 ext. 242.

The non-profit RCMA, based in Immokalee, operates 70 child care centers and three charter schools for Florida's rural poor. Wilson and Eduardo drew their Christmas art at RCMA's Immokalee Community School, a K-6 charter school.

Eduardo's card features a hometown touch: juicy red tomatoes rain down from Santa's sleigh. Wilson's artwork depicts hot chocolate and cookies.

The boys' Christmas cards are among those offered exclusively to buyers who purchase at least 100 cards. That's a popular option among the agribusinesses that support RCMA. But smaller orders - variety packs of 10 cards each - also are on sale.

"We love our cards for many reasons," said Barbara Mainster, RCMA's executive director. "The money raised quali-



Christmas card design by Eduardo Diego

fies RCMA for matching funds from the State of Florida, one of our most important funding sources. Every dollar spent on RCMA Christmas cards can be matched by \$16 from the state.

"Also, they showcase the talents of our children," Mainster added. ✨



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# Along The River



Doug Molloy and Sam Galloway, Jr. at the 22nd annual Holiday Carol Sing at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers. The Galloways have sponsored the event for years.

The **Laboratory Theater of Florida** presents the holiday classic **A Christmas Carol**, directed by Ken Bryant, through December 21. "Bah! Humbug!" said Scrooge. And why shouldn't he? At the time Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*, England, the world did not have Christmas in its heart. Many of the signs and traditions of the holiday were gone – almost forgotten. Plum pudding was virtually unknown, and few employers gave their workers Christmas off. Then Dickens wrote his story. Published in 1843, *A Christmas Carol* awakened the Christmas spirit in Victorian England, in the United States and around the world. It renewed the joys and caring that are Christmas.

*A Christmas Carol* is always a very special holiday experience. It will make you laugh and cry, and will open your heart. And the Lab Theater's production makes it even more special. We invite you to experience this timeless story directly from its source, Dickens's own special version created for his own public readings.



### Don't miss out on the fun at The Morgan House's wine and tapas tasting

The Laboratory Theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, Fort Myers. For showtimes and tickets, call 218-0481 or go to [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com). On Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, art and fashion collide at the 3rd annual **Art Walks The Runway: Weekend of Fashion** at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. for cocktails and the fashion show begins at 8 p.m. Friday's schedule of events includes a fashion show highlighting this season's local fashions from a number of River District boutiques, a special performance by visual artist Lily Hatchett and music by Sheena Brooke. Tickets for Friday's runway show is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

On Saturday night, haute couture and art collide with incredible performances and amazingly creative fashion designs. Tickets for Saturday night show are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Music both nights provided by D.J. Ceron with special musical performance by Freedom Hall. Proceeds benefit the restoration of the upper floors of the historic building.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 or go to [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).

On Tuesday, December 17, celebrate the holidays with song at the 23rd annual **Holiday Carol Sing** presented by **First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers** that benefits Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI). The audience is encouraged to sing-a-long during the 90-minute performance featuring the First Presbyterian Church Choir and soloists.

Admission is at least two cans of non-perishable food for the Everyday Café and Marketplace, which are operated by CCMI. Voluntary cash donations are also welcome.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the event, three carol sings are planned at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Rumor has it that Santa Claus may make an appearance to visit children of all ages.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue. Call 334-2261 or visit [www.fpc-fortmyers.org](http://www.fpc-fortmyers.org).

While downtown, take a leisurely stroll to **The Morgan House** for a great evening of exciting wines and luscious gourmet tapas. Located mere blocks from First Presbyterian, the popular restaurant is serving up a unique experience on Tuesday with a tapas and wine tasting from 6 to 8 p.m. Reservations are required.

The Morgan House offers a bird's eye view of the historic Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers' River District. Lounge out and enjoy live music and special events taking place in the courtyard while enjoying cocktails, drafts, microbrews and wines. Casual dining is available either inside in air-conditioned comfort or outside under the stars.

The Morgan House is located at 33 Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers' River District. Call 337-3377 or go to [www.morganhouserestaurant.com](http://www.morganhouserestaurant.com).\*



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12984 S. Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers. Call 433-4449.

## DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels.

It's a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are a local favorite and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.



The Morgan House features its monthly Wine & Tapas Tasting on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Pictured is the culinary staff of the downtown restaurant.

708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-9660.

## ICHIBAN

Ichiban is a downtown favorite for Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The name means "Number One" in Japanese and offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for eight years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its excep-

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Take out and delivery within the River District is available.

1520 Broadway #106, Fort Myers. Call 334-6991.

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Tuesday, December 17 is The Morgan House's monthly wine tasting and tapas pairing. Reservations are required.

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### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Liturgy is on Sun. at 10:30 a.m.;  
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Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy)  
will be on Wed. evenings at 6 p.m. start-  
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www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org  
239-481-2099

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15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171  
Rabbi: Judah Hungerman  
Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service,  
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Call for information on full program.

### BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166  
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Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers  
Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz  
433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.org  
Web site: www.chabadswf.org  
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13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188  
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### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers  
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/  
Ford Winter Estates 334-4978  
Pastor: Douglas Kelchner  
Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Website: www.taecc.com

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937  
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### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend.  
Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening  
Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer  
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-3233. www.clpc.us.

Clint Cottrell, pastor

Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m.,  
Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11  
a.m. Summer: Prayer Service 8 a.m.  
Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
482-1250,  
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9:30 a.m. Praise Service  
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### FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRIES

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers,  
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p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.  
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Children's Church for ages 5-12 available  
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### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, 482-2030  
Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

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www.christiansciencefortmyers.com,  
www.christianscience.com

### FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13545 American Colony Boulevard  
off Daniels Parkway in the Colony,  
Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6  
p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
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Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
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10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
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### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330  
Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

### FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,  
482-3133. Philip White, pastor  
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.  
Church School: 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

### IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-  
4778 The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler,  
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Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing  
Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;  
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing

and Church School

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in  
Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist  
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Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
services.

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### CATHOLIC CHURCH:

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Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.;  
Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard,  
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11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

### NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers

Pastor Eddie Spencer

8 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School

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3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143

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### RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

21580 River Ranch Rd, Estero  
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Weekly masses:

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.

Weekend masses: Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.;

Sunday: 7, 9, 11, and 5:30 p.m.

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Women's Bible Study is offered on the first

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Weekday masses: 9 a.m. Tuesday-Friday

Weekend masses: 4 p.m. Saturday

Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. All Are Welcome!

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

16940 McGregor Boulevard,  
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Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

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Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.

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E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com

Cantorial soloist: Lawrence Dermer

Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, RJE

Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

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## Churches/Temples

Religious Education; Sunday School and Midweek classes, Preschool Classes, Monday through Friday Web site: [www.templebethel.com](http://www.templebethel.com) Affiliated: Union for Reform Judaism

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14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan: Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Web site: [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org)

### THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.newchurchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

### UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m. Healing Circle 11 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m. Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a loving environment. Service held at 28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

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### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125 Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Blended Worship [www.westminsterfortmyers.org](http://www.westminsterfortmyers.org)

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881; Services: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert Pastor Peter Weeks Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional; 10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Contemporary. Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.\*

## Christmas Eve Services

All are welcome to attend Christmas Eve services at New Hope Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, December 24, at 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The 5 p.m. family candlelight service will feature elementary school children reenacting the birth of Christ with everyone singing Christmas favorites.

The 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. candlelight services will feature organist Claire Marie Faasse and the New Hope Choir leading the congregation in singing traditional

## What Do Polls On Religion Really Mean?

Nationally known secular humanist Tom Flynn, executive director of the Council for Secular Humanism, will speak on Thursday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, 2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Social hour is at 6 p.m.

Flynn, editor of the council's magazine, *Free Inquiry*, the nation's largest-circulation secular humanist journal, will present his topic, *Who Are These Doubters (Nones), Anyway? The Demography of Unbelief*. ("Nones" refer to religiously unaffiliated Americans).

Flynn is being hosted by Southwest Florida Free Inquiry Group, which meets monthly to discuss topics with an emphasis on critical thinking, education, social action and religious skepticism. He hopes to shed light on what could very well be a number of unanswered questions, complete with all the controversies and scandals.

Among questions to be delved into are: How many of those "no religious preference" people are really atheists? and What do polls on religion really mean?

Known also for his design of the museum at the birthplace of 19th century agnostic orator Robert Green Ingersoll, in Dresden, New York, Flynn has written or edited four published books. Most recent-

ly, he produced the forthcoming four-part video miniseries, *American Freethought*.

For more information, contact Sharon by email at [FIGSWFL@gmail.com](mailto:FIGSWFL@gmail.com) or telephone (609) 565-0568.\*

## Wednesday Morning Live! Lecture Series

The 13th annual Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, January 8 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The lectures are free of charge and open to the public. Our distinguished speakers will cover a wide variety of topics of interest, entertainment and importance to all residents of the Fort Myers area.

January 8 – Aspects of Peacemaking Rev. Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church

January 15 – Politics & Religion Frank Mann, Lee County Board of Commissioners

January 22 – Our Forgotten Neighbors

Barbara Mainster, Executive Director, Redlands Christian Migrant Association

January 29 – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Doug Molloy, film critic (retired Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney)

February 5 – The Calusan

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Christmas hymns.

Senior Pastor Eddie Spencer will preach at all three services, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served on the patio in between services.

New Hope Presbyterian Church, an Evangelical Presbyterian Church is located at 3825 McGregor Boulevard, one block south of the Fort Myers Country Club. For more information, call the church office at 274-1230 or visit [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org).\*

## Support Meals With Compassion Program

The Salvation Army (TSA) of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties is proud to announce Community Agency Support Program (CASP) Sally's Café & Marketplace's Meals With Compassion, located at 2476 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers \$7,300. The City of Fort Myers Community Agency Support Program voted to award these monies to help fund Meals With Compassion. This is an ongoing budget item for the City Council and they support multiple agencies and programs through CASP.

Meals With Compassion is the free evening meal served to anyone in need, 365 nights a year. In this troubling economy more and more people are being forced to decide whether to stay in their homes or feed themselves and their families. As a result, hundreds of Southwest Florida residents are finding they need help for the first time. Sally's Café and Marketplace is

designed to make it easier for those and other individuals to find that help. It was designed with the idea of providing to those in need a place to come and enjoy a meal in a comfortable dignified manner, and to be able to acquire the food they need for their families without needless waste. Emergency clothing and a shower are available on-site to any guests who are in need.

As the temperature drops, TSA also distribute blankets, coats and gloves. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal as often as possible. If interested or for more information, call 278-1551.

"We are incredibly grateful to the support of the City of Fort Myers and the Community Agency Support Program as we serve dinner to an average of 80 to 120 people each night, ranging from homeless individuals to working parents with children and senior citizens," stated Major Thomas Loudon, Area Commander of The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties is in need individuals and groups who are willing to help serve the meal and/or prepare the meal to be served to the dinner guests. This is an incredible hands-on opportunity to truly serve all neighbors in need. Church groups, civic organizations or businesses can support the program on a regular basis, adopting a day per month or quarter to help TSA help others throughout the year.

Call The Salvation Army at 278-1551 or visit [www.salvationarmyleecounty.org](http://www.salvationarmyleecounty.org) for more details.\*



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by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Anglers simply could not wish for better December weather conditions than we have experienced this week. Even though we are on a less than perfect tide

pattern and what seems like never-ending daytime low water, fishing action in the sound was non-stop. As most of the country is suffering though some crazy cold weather, can you really think of a better place to be than out on the water with a bent fishing rod in your hand?

As snook season closed on December 1, action is now now all catch-and-release, but it kept going strong. Most of my time fishing this week was spent in the deeper creeks and channels during these minus low water periods. This set-up paid off big with good action and lots of snook caught every trip. Though most of these snook are on the short side of the slot, what they lack in size they make up for in sheer numbers. One deep mangrove shoreline with the right set-up could hold 20 to 30 snook. As long as the water was moving, these snook seemed to happily pop our shiners right off the surface with almost every well-placed cast.

The two biggest snook caught and released from my boat this week both



Anglers with two 33-inch snook caught and released within about five minutes while fishing Pine Island Sound with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

measured right at 33 inches and were caught within about five minutes of each other. Just about every time out, at least one much bigger snook was hooked and simply won the battle, generally out-muscling and beating the angler under the bushes before parting ways against the barnacle crusted roots. Catching and seeing so many snook is really a testament to the Florida Wildlife Commission properly managing the fishery and closing it to harvest for almost four years. Snook of all sizes are now in some the highest numbers I can remember in years.

Clear water in many of these same mangrove creeks has made locating these snook pretty easy. Some of the deeper holes and mangrove bends that have fast moving current hold many big snook. It was not unusual this week to see a dozen or so 30-inch-plus snook laid out from the mangroves on or near

the bottom while moving from shoreline to shoreline in these creeks. The sheer numbers and variety of fish in these creeks is awesome right now and this aquarium-style fishing action will never get old to me. This will only get better as we move through winter and the water continues to get clearer.

Live shiners remained the bait of choice for all my fishing needs. Not to sound greedy, but it seems the more shiners you can pack in your live well in a morning, the better the days' fishing action will be. All our gamefish are feeding hard right now to pack on the fat before the winter cold and their food sources dry up.

Chumming these narrow mangrove creeks with shiners brings all these hungry fish out of the woodwork and to the table to eat. Just a few scoops of stunned live shiners are all it takes and you will be watching fish explode on

the surface, chasing and gulping shiners. Watching a whole mangrove creek light up with feeding fish is an awesome sight. Different species of fish eat the shiners in different ways. Generally, you can identify the species by the different pop.

The loud popping noise that a feeding snook makes cannot be mistaken for any other type of fish. Big snook make almost a sonic-like boom as they eat a surface bait. Image a bowling ball being dropped in the water from 10 feet and that's pretty close to the noise.

Other species getting in on the all-you-can-eat shiner buffet this week included mangrove snapper up to 15 inches, grouper, big trout and jacks of every size. This is great visual mixed bag bite. Watching a big fish blow up on a shiner and then casting a hooked shiner to where the pop was makes for an almost instant hook-up.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).\*

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**CROW Case Of The Week**

# If You Care, Leave It There



by Patricia Molloy

“For the orphans at CROW, we are their family and their only hope for the future,” began Dr. Heather Barron at the wild-life clinic’s annual holiday fundraiser, Holly Ball, held on

Sunday. “As any parent can tell you, it takes a lot of work to raise a baby.” This year alone, CROW has raised nearly 2,000 orphaned, injured and abducted baby mammals, birds and reptiles.

When Dr. Heather took over as hospital director in January of 2012, she introduced an educational program entitled “If you care, leave it there!” in an effort to prevent perfectly healthy babies from being scooped-up and rushed to the clinic. “Many people just don’t understand. They are trying to do the right thing and they inadvertently abduct a young animal and take it away from its parents,” she explained. Instead of picking up a seemingly abandoned wild creature, she urged audience members to pick-up the phone and call CROW.

The key to raising any child is good nutrition, optimal healthcare and mental stimulation. With regard to the young

patients at CROW, Dr. Heather explained that the clinic utilizes enrichment tools such as toys, not to ensure their happiness, but to help them build skills that are necessary for survival in the wild.

In addition to implementing educational programs aimed at the general public, Dr. Heather has been building CROW’s national profile. She has achieved this through participation in international conferences, by taking part in an experimental trial of the drug cholestyramine at the behest of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, and by maintaining close contact with federal, state and local agencies that are involved in veterinary medicine, natural resources and/or wildlife conservation. CROW’s hospital is now being lauded for its work in conservation medicine, which recognizes that the disease trends documented in wildlife medicine are great indicators of the health of the environment. Certain diseases can affect humans, potentially on a global scale, and conservation medicine is the best early warning system of what may be around the corner for our health.

“Regardless of how you feel about cute, fuzzy animals, remember that these animals can play an important part in all of our environments. They can be an early warning system for diseases that can affect you, your children and your pets.”



The yellow-crowned night heron feeds after dark which is very unusual for a waterbird



Eastern gray squirrels often have red in their fur, but solid black ones are fairly common

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



Gopher tortoises are a keystone species that share their elaborate burrows with a variety of species

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## Plant Smart

## American Oil Palm

by Gerri Reaves

The only palm native to Florida that rivals the impressive size of the American oil palm (*Attalea butyracea*) is the endangered royal palm (*Roystonea regia*).

A native of South America, the American oil palm towers to 80 feet or more.

Also called the palla palm, it grows in the wet savannahs of its native region and Central America.

With a trunk measuring as much as 20 inches in diameter and a wide-spreading canopy, the American oil palm is simply too big for the typical home landscape.

However, if space and over-neatness aren't major concerns, this palm will definitely fit the bill as a tropical centerpiece.



The American oil palm is native to the wet savannahs of South America



This decades-old American oil palm is host to epiphytic species like ferns and the strangler fig

photos by Gerri Reaves

The large fronds arch from thick bases on the trunk and have a twisted axis, which gives them a shuttlecock or feather-duster look, much like that of the foxtail palm.

The erect, many-branched inflorescence reaches three to four feet long. The male flowers are pale yellow, and the female flowers develop into light-brown to orange female fruits.

American oil palm thrives on heat and humidity and prefers consistently moist soil. It will tolerate some drought but suffers if over-watered.

American oil palm's gigantic leaves are used for thatched roofs and the root extract is used in treating hepatitis. The nuts are used as cattle and pig feed.

Sources: e-mono-cot.org and palmpe-dia.net.

*Plant Smart explores the plant life of South Florida and sustainable landscape practices.\**

## Caring For Your Plants

## Potting Soil

by Justen Dobbs



Many gardeners are overwhelmed by all of the different brands of potting soil for sale at the local gardening stores. The large agricultural product companies such as Miracle Grow and

Scotts are always competing for a stake in the multi-billion dollar horticulture and agriculture industries.

They modify their soils to include moisture control and continuous feeding, but do these claims hold up? What is the best type of soil to use for your houseplants and landscape plants? Is it worth the extra money to get the expensive potting soils?

Soils range from simple to complex and depend on what type of plant or tree they are sustaining. In order to explain this in detail, we will begin with the simplest soil and then work our way to the more complex mixtures.

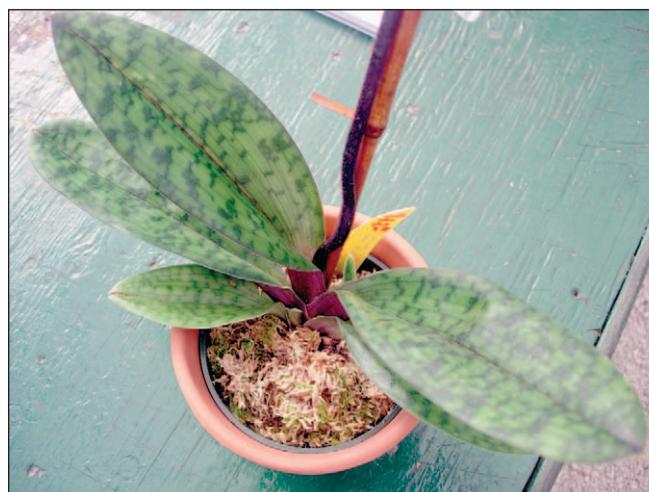
1. Fill dirt – Standard dirt that can be dug up or excavated out of our Southwest Florida ground. This dirt is good for large landscaping projects that incorporate versatile trees and plants

such as natives. Fill dirt is typically on the alkaline side of the pH scale and has fairly good drainage but no nutrients.

2. Bulk potting soil for small plants and annuals – This is the cheapest soil you can buy at local gardening stores and is typically comprised of peat moss with a small amount of other organic matter. This soil is fine for small projects, vegetables and annuals. It is typically on the acidic side of the pH scale, so make sure your plants are suited for an acidic soil.

3. Mid-grade potting soil – This usually contains peat moss, perlite (small white particles), wood shavings or bark, and possibly some silica sand. This soil is the most versatile and can be used for flowering plants, hardwood trees, native palms and plants, vegetables, grasses and many other standard landscape applications. It does not contain moisture control or fertilizer, so you will need to water it often and add your own fertilizer.

4. Premium potting soil – This is basically the same as mid-grade potting soil, but they have added slow-release



Orchids grow best in a custom mixture of tree bark, perlite and charcoal

granular fertilizer (typically small, green capsules) and/or small gel capsules that absorb and release water. This potting soil is ideal for Impatiens, rare plants, rooted cuttings, and any other delicate plant that needs extra care. This soil can also be used as to amend your Florida soil when planting landscape plants as it will give them a better chance at rooting or transplanting.

5. Custom mixed soil – This is a commercial grade custom mix that can be made to your own specifications, typically bought in cubic yards. Most nurseries and tree growers have their own custom mixture made to suit the plants they are growing. I prefer a mixture of



Small seedlings require soil that carefully controls moisture, pH and nutrients

peat moss, perlite, contractor's grade sand and fine pine bark. This mixture drains well for cactus and succulents, but also provides enough moisture for palms and cycads. Ask your landscaper for details.

*Justen Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.\**

# Florida Rep Presents Winter Arts Camp At The Alliance For The Arts



Winter Arts Camp performance at Alliance for the Arts



A past Winter Camp performance

Winter break will be here soon and there's no better way for kids to engage in the arts then at Florida Rep's Wild Winter Arts Camp at the Alliance for the Arts. Students ages 5 through 17 will act, sing, dance and create during four, two-day sessions:

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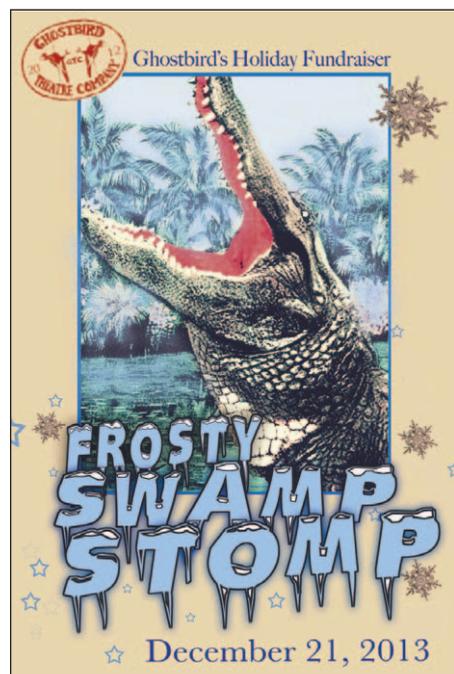


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There will also be a silent auction of products and services donated by Yoga Bird Studios, Hyatt Dental Care, Theater Conspiracy, Alliance for the Arts, Total Wines, Family Christian Stores, The Bay House Restaurant of Naples, Frame-It, Tea Lagoon of Franklin Shops, Ford's Garage, The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Big Daddyz Tinting, Shear Art Hair Studio and other local businesses and organizations.

Ghostbird is the resident theater company of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. This fundraiser will enable the company to produce its final two plays of the season.

Tickets are \$25 and are available through the art center ticket office or online at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com). The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. ✨

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## The Four Freshmen

Four Freshmen have gained recognition as one of the most influential vocal groups of all time. The group has been inspired by the likes of The Beach Boys, Kenny Rogers, The Mamas and The Papas, Frankie Valli, The Manhattan Transfer and countless others.

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Calderon and Stein Malvey.

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## Convicts Descend On Florida Rep



Graham Smith as Joseph

by Di Saggau

**M**y *Three Angels*, now showing at Florida Repertory Theatre, delivers Christmas cheer with sentimental make believe that goes straight to the heart. It's Christmas Eve in 1910 French Guiana in the Ducotel's living room where Felix Ducotel (Mark Chambers) and his adoring wife Emilie (Carrie Lund) are in dire financial circumstances. It seems Felix is quick to extend credit to everyone resulting in a negative cash flow for the business.

To make matters worse, Felix's slimy cousin and business sponsor Henri (Peter Thomasson) arrives with his nephew Paul (Jacob D. Guinn), the unworthy beloved of Marie Louise

(Ashley Anderson), Felix's lovely daughter. Having just learned that Paul has thrown her over for an heiress, she is heart-broken.

All is not lost. Three convicts from Devil's Island, working on the roof, climb down a magnificent bamboo ladder and into their lives to spread some cheer. Having overheard everything while laboring on the roof, these modern magi are prepared to end all the Ducotel's problems.

Chambers brings a childlike tenderness to Felix, and Lund is elegantly devoted as his wife. Anderson flutters gracefully as the jilted but adoring Marie Louise. Both Thomasson and Guinn are contemptible snobs with a lust for money. Then there's Madame Parole (Setphanie Davis), who swishes in and out a few times in a delightful manner with a hat so full of plumes, it could dust a cathedral. Rounding out the cast in a small but important role is Jake Scott-Hodes as a lieutenant who arrives in the nick of time.

But the best work comes, as it should, from the three angels. Joseph (Graham Smith) is an accomplished forger and smooth-talking con man who plans to cook the books for Felix with his system of inspired accounting. Jules (Michael Edwards) is a mild-mannered man who murdered his wife in a crime of passion and now is determined to bring the alleged lovers together. Alfred (Joel Ruben Ganz), who killed his stepfather when he came between him and his true love, desperately wants Marie Louise to find happiness. And let's not forget about Adolphe, his pet snake with a very important role. Smith has a contagious and impish zest to scam for goodness sake. Edwards and Ganz have their own angelic charm as they work overtime to find the right man for Marie Louise.

The set is tropical, right out of French Guiana, with every detail in place. You may remember the 1955 film *We're No Angels*, starring Humphrey Bogart. If you liked it, you'll love this holiday comedy. Directed by Chris Clavelli, it's a funny and touching play for the entire family. *My Three Angels* plays through December 22 at Florida Repertory Theatre, located in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry Streets in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets, go online to [floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org) or call 332-4488. ✨

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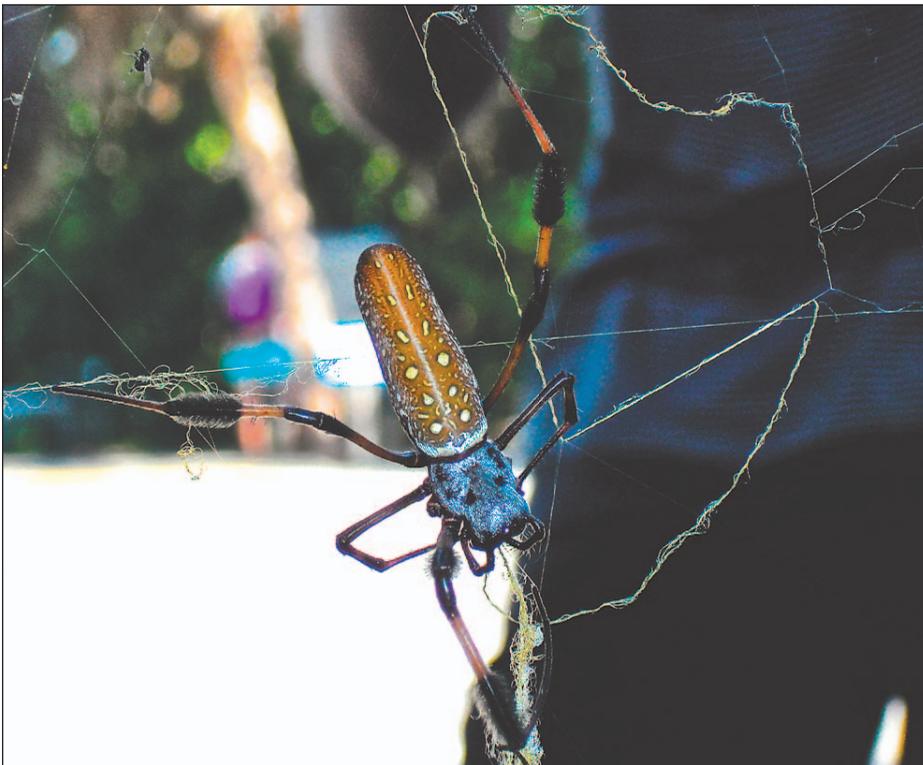
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## 'Ding' Darling Student Photo Contest Winners Announced



First place went to Stevie Gorka, sixth grade, for a photograph taken of the wildlife preserve from the new boardwalk



Second place went to Kristin Dunavant, seventh grade, for a photograph of a wolf spider

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS)-Friends of the Refuge, along with sponsor Bank of the Islands/Edison National Bank, recently awarded The Sanibel School winners in its annual student photo contest.

Middle school students in Margaret Drennan’s photography class visited the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge last month for a photography workshop and nature shoot.

Photography students from Cypress Lake Middle School visited on a separate occasion for their own contest, also part of the annual event. Cypress Lake students received awards on December 11 on the school campus.

First place winner from The Sanibel School was Stevie Gorka; second place went to Kristen Dunavant; and third place to Julian Meyers.

Sanibel School teachers judged the contest. Winners received medallions and checks from Bank of the Islands for \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Bank representatives and The Sanibel School Principal Barbara Von Harten were on hand at the refuge for the awards announcement and presentations.



The Sanibel School Principal Barbara Von Harten, Kristin Dunavant, Stevie Gorka, Julian Meyers and Rob Lisenbee of Bank of the Islands



Third place went to Julian Meyers, seventh grade, for a photograph of a rock dove

“You kids see things differently through the lens, and we love seeing your visions in your photography,” said DDWS Executive Director Birgie Vertesch at the presentation. “This is a wonderful way to appreciate nature and share with others the beauty you experienced here at ‘Ding’ Darling.”

The 21 photo entries will be on display in the free “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center through December and will later be exhibited at Bank of the Islands of Sanibel.

“We will be adding a new student photography contest to our agenda next year, thanks to the Theodore Cross family of Sanibel,” said Vertesch. “Watch for details about our inaugural “Ding” Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photo Contest.”

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and refuge nature shop proceeds.

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## Concert Feature Ballet, Symphony And Chorale



Rex Richardson



A dancer from the Gulfshore Ballet



James Stephenson



The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

December 14 performance takes place at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. and the December 16 performance will be at the Shell Point Village Church at 7:30 p.m.

The concert features performances by international trumpet sensation Rex Richardson and some of the local community's greatest talents. It includes The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, the pre-professional students from The Gulfshore Ballet and former Naples Philharmonic trumpeter Jim Stephenson, conducting.

This performance provides joyous holiday entertainment with music of the season, excerpts from *The Nutcracker* and other music.

Tickets cost \$20, \$27, \$38, \$44, \$62 and \$82 and may be purchased in person at the symphony box office, by calling 418-1500, online at [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org) or at the door one and a half hours prior to each concert.

The Southwest Florida Symphony enters its 53rd season this year, having made its debut as a community orchestra on April 15, 1961. Conducted by Arlo

Deibler, the Symphony's flagship roster consisted of 24 musicians. Performances were held in community centers and schools throughout Lee County. It has since grown to become Lee County's only professional symphony orchestra. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall is its primary concert venue. The symphony roster now consists of more than 65 world-class musicians and plays host to many nationally and internationally renowned guest artists during each performance season.

Chicago area composer James Stephenson's works have been performed by leading American orchestras and hailed by critics as having "straightforward, unabashedly beautiful sounds" and "Stephenson deserves to be heard again and again!" (Boston Herald). missions and projects.

Recent collaborations include a concerto for Branford Marsalis with Rodney Mack; an exuberant fanfare for the Houston Symphony; and a concerto for the Philadelphia Orchestra's principal trombonist, Nitzan Haroz.

Rex Richardson is a Yamaha Performing Artist and a veteran of the acclaimed chamber group Rhythm & Brass of Battle Creek, and jazz legend Joe Henderson's Quintet and Sextet.

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida incorporated in 2011 although most of its members have been singing in the Southwest Florida area for many years. In its inaugural season, 2011-12, it established itself as an independent and vital part of the local arts scene. grand Symphony No. 2 ("Resurrection").

The Gulfshore Ballet was founded in 2000 by an internationally acclaimed faculty, under artistic direction by retired principal dancers from New York City Ballet and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. The current artistic directors, Franklin Gamero and Iliana Lopez, are both retired principal dancers with the Miami City Ballet and have extensive performance and teaching backgrounds. The school offers classes for ages four through adult and offers several performance opportunities to its students throughout each year.\*

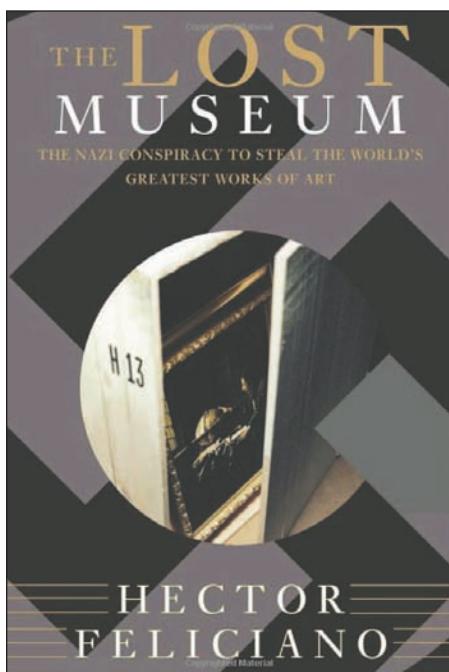
## Alliance Members Discuss *The Lost Museum*

The Alliance for the Arts continues its Member Gallery Book Club on Tuesday, December 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. with a discussion of *The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Works of Art* by Hector Feliciano. Join Alliance members in this monthly exploration of literature centered on artists, art history and art appreciation.

Between 1939 and 1944, as the Nazis overran Europe, they were also quietly conducting another type of pilage. *The Lost Museum* tells the story of the Jewish art collectors and gallery owners in France who were stripped of rare works by artists such as Vermeer, Rembrandt, Degas, Cézanne and Picasso. Before they were through, the Nazis had taken more than 20,000 paintings, sculptures and drawings from France.

*The Lost Museum* explores the Nazis' systematic confiscation of these artworks, focusing on the private collections of five families: Rothschild, Rosenberg, Bernheim-Jeune, David-Weill and Schloss. The book is filled with private family photos of this art, some of which has never before been seen by the public, and it traces the fate of these works as they passed through the hands of top German officials, unscrupulous art dealers, and unwitting auction houses such as Christie's and Sotheby's.

The Member Gallery Book Club meets



from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members must purchase their own copy of each book. Pre-registration is encouraged – all that's needed is an active Alliance membership. The club continues on Tuesday, January 21 with a discussion of *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean.

Alliance individual memberships are \$50 per year, families can join for \$75 per year and students can become a member for just \$15. Membership benefits include 20 percent discounts on all classes and workshops, a wide variety of free class Try It sessions, discounts

on theatre tickets and youth camps, special exhibition opportunities and the satisfaction of knowing you're supporting a vibrant community of artists and art enthusiasts here in southwest Florida. Visit [ArtInLee.org](http://ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787 to become a member today.

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## 24-Hour Playwriting Project Coming To Lab Theater

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will be showcasing six original plays this Saturday, December 7 at 8 p.m. The plays will be the product of a 24-hour writing challenge placed on six regional playwrights. The playwrights will be given a theme, some lines each of them must use in his script, and about 18 hours in which to write a 10 to 15 minute long one-act play.

Directors and actors will be assigned to the playwrights. Community support comes from published playwrights who will offer guidance once the first draft is complete.

"The jeopardy involved for writers and for actors is delightful, The audience can feel the energy sizzle and, of course, there are running gags that are woven into each play," said artistic director Annette Trossbach.

Playwrights will be judged by a panel of professionals as well as by the audience. The theater will award Critics' Choice and Audience Choice Awards.

The 24-hour Playwriting Project will be presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. Tickets are \$12 each and are available at [www.laboratorytheater-florida.com](http://www.laboratorytheater-florida.com) or at the door. Seating is limited and advance ticket purchases are suggested. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, call 218-0481.



Annette Trossbach and Caitlynn Crawford

### The Playwrights

Laura Lorusso has been an active member of our local theater community for the past decade. During that time, she's starred in several shows with The Naples Players, toured with a local comedy show, *Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding*, and just this fall she wrote and co-directed her first play, *Afterlife of the Rich and Famous* with Let's Put On A Show Productions in Naples.

Char Loomis graduated from Marywood University with a Master's degree in Communication Arts. One of her concentrations in her studies was script writing. As mainly a hobby, she has been writing for several years. Her first public acknowledgement came last year at The Laboratory Theater's first annual 24-hour playwriting showcase.

Michael Tomes has written short stories and plays for most of his adult life.



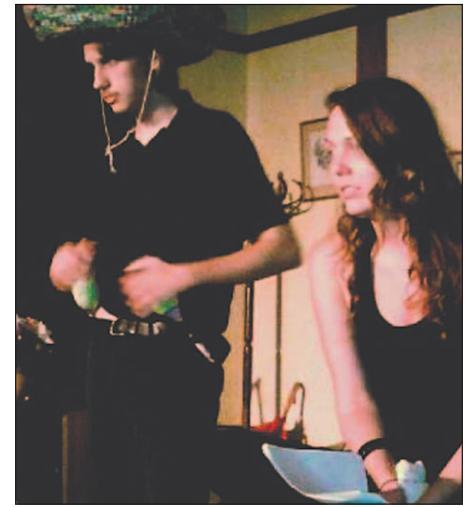
Carmen Crussard's group reads



Connie Bottinelli and Char Loomis

His plays have been critically acclaimed by the Key West Waterfront Playhouse and at the Firehouse Playwriting Contest in LaBelle.

Carmen Crussard has been acting, directing, writing and teaching for many years. She co-wrote and directed *Naked* with her theater company, City Scenes. She was also honored with the critic's choice award at last year's 24-hour



Caitlynn Crawford, right, getting notes



Taylor Adair and Ken Bryant

Playwriting Project at The Laboratory Theater of Florida.

Other playwrights include Taylor Adair Nave and John Fry.\*

## Marley's Tale At Gulfshore



Cody Nickell as Jacob Marley

by Di Saggau

A compelling story told by a wonderful storyteller makes for a magical evening of theater. Such is the case with *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*, now playing at Gulfshore Playhouse, and starring Cody Nickell in

the title role. Actually, he plays 17 other characters as well. It is amazing.

Marley is a tortured soul who finds himself in strange surroundings. When he asks, "Where am I?" the response is, "All in good time." It's an answer that chills his blood. He soon finds out that he has not fulfilled his contract and if he wants to get out of his own Hell, he has a lot to do in the next 24 hours.

The story is about Marley's redemption told with contemporary wit through a charming tale. It is superbly written by Tom Mula and marvelously performed by Nickell.

Chained and shackled, Marley is condemned to a hellish eternity. He's even given his own private tormentor, a malicious little Hell-sprite named Bogle, who thoroughly enjoys his work. Desperate, Marley accepts his one chance to free himself. He must redeem Scrooge, "The one man I knew who was worse than I was."

This irreverent, funny and deeply moving story retells Dickens' classic with warmth and infectious zest. Nickell is able to carry the audience along with him on a hilarious journey. He switches characters with ease, never missing a beat, making it clear to all what is taking place.

The set resembles an abandoned coal mine, all black, with occasional pieces of furniture and lots of chains. The exception is one small area where the keeper of all the contracts has his office. Sound

effects and special lighting effects greatly enhance the production. It is Nickell's artistry and Kristen Coury's direction that make this one-man show a performance that ushers in the spirit of the season and explodes any ideas you had of what a holiday show would be like. Do not miss it.

*Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* plays through December 22 at Gulfshore Playhouse, located in the Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South in Naples. For tickets, call 866-811-4111.\*

## Billy Nalle's Fort Myers Films

Fort Myers of the 1930s and 1940s come to life on the movie screen in *Billy Nalle's Fort Myers Films*, to be screened on Thursday, January 16 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the film will be shown at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a cash bar available.

These 8mm films were shot by legendary musician and composer Billy Nalle, a native of Fort Myers. They capture Page Field in 1938 before the runway was paved, aerial shots of downtown, the Fort Myers High School class of 1939 picnicking on Fort Myers Beach, the Yacht Basin



Billy Nalle

on Christmas Day 1946, Kids Day 1938 at the old Fort Myers High School on Thompson Street, McGregor Boulevard in 1947, the high school Green Wave band in a 1947 parade by the Yacht Basin and more.

Tickets are \$10 each. Go to [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com), call 333-1933 or purchase tickets at the box office.\*



2013 audition panel

## Young Artists Awards To Grant \$20,000 In Scholarships This Year

Registration is now open for the Young Artists Awards auditions for students ages eight to 21 in the performing arts. All students from throughout Southwest Florida are eligible to apply.

Cash scholarships worth \$20,000 and other prizes will be awarded this year. To better accommodate the number of students wishing to participate in the program, the organization has expanded to four full days of auditions.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators. Over 40 judges from throughout the nation participated last year.

Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel. All genres of music, acting, dance, and vocal performance are encouraged.

Twenty-two finalists will be chosen to perform individually at the organization's 11th anniversary gala at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on March 10. All finalists and runners-up will also perform in a coached group number.

The newest award, Audience Choice, will be voted on by audience members in attendance that evening. In addition, all participating students will be given the oppor-

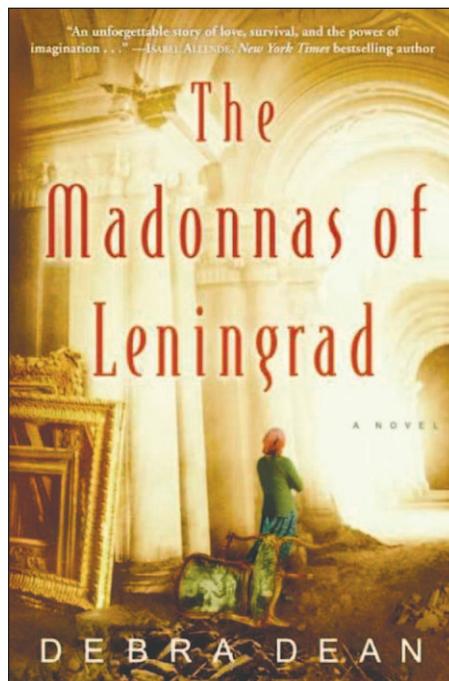
## Alliance Members Discuss Novel By Dean

The Alliance for the Arts continues its Member Gallery Book Club on Tuesday, January 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. with a discussion of *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean. Join fellow Alliance members in this monthly exploration of literature centered on artists, art history and art appreciation.

*The Madonnas of Leningrad* tells the story of Marina, a docent at the State Hermitage Museum during the 900-day Siege of Leningrad. Marina's clear and detailed recollections of the Hermitage collection and the war are interspersed with her current dementia-impaired life in Seattle, Washington as she prepares to attend a granddaughter's wedding. The novel uses the vivid memories of the past to contrast with the struggles of an Alzheimer's victim in dealing with everyday life.

The Member Gallery Book Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members must purchase their own copy of each book. Pre-registration is encouraged – all that's needed is an active Alliance membership. The club continues on Tuesday, February 18.

Alliance individual memberships are \$50 per year, families can join for \$75 per year and students can become a member for just \$15. Membership ben-



efits include 20 percent discounts on all classes and workshops, a wide variety of free class Try It sessions, discounts on theatre tickets and youth camps, special exhibition opportunities and the satisfaction of knowing you're supporting a vibrant community of artists and art enthusiasts here in southwest Florida. Visit [ArtInLee.org](http://ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787 to become a member today.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✽

tunity to perform at various community events.

As a not-for-profit organization, the Young Artists Awards also collaborates with other area organizations to provide additional information to our student participants in the performing arts.

Auditions will be held on the campus of the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, January 18, Sunday, January 19, Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 in the following categories:

Classical Voice, Contemporary Voice and/or Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, Drama, Dance.

New this year, students may register for two auditions in Instrumental Music if they play more than one instrument and two auditions in Contemporary Voice and/or Musical Theatre if they would like to perform one contemporary piece and one musical theater piece.

For guaranteed audition slots, registrations must be postmarked by December 15. A limited number of late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only if postmarked by December 31. Audition fee registration waivers are available.

Visit the Young Artists Awards website at [www.youngartistsawards.org](http://www.youngartistsawards.org) to download the registration form, and email [info@youngartistsawards.org](mailto:info@youngartistsawards.org) or call 574-9321 for more information.✽

## Wallenda To Perform At Annual Gala

Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual Hearts of Love Gala: Our Hearts are Soaring, featuring Tino Wallenda. The gala, which benefits Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida, Inc., will be held on Saturday, February 22 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$150 if purchased by January 31. Starting February 1, tickets will be \$175.

There will be a performance by Tino Wallenda of the Flying Wallendas, dinner, drinks, music and live auctions. Our Mother's Home representatives will also recognize the Mother of the Year and Graduate of the Year for 2013.

The funds raised will go toward supporting the teen mothers who seek refuge at Our Mother's Home. The organization provides teen moms a safe home where they can learn to love and respect themselves and their children, as well as the resources to become self-sufficient

and productive members of society. The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) provides assistance for the girls, but not their babies. Our Mother's Home receives 52 percent of its funding from DCF. The other 48 percent must be raised in order to help support these teen mothers.

This year's sponsors include Astrid and Rene Photography, Digestive Specialists, South Fork Grille, Bob Forget, Ben Few and Company, Restorative Health and Human Center, and Vein Specialists at Royal Palm Square. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

"The community contributions raised at this gala help Our Mother's Home continue to provide vital services to foster teens and human trafficking victims that want to keep and raise their children in a supportive environment," said Karen Watson, executive director of Our Mother's Home of Southwest Florida. "This year, we are very excited to offer our supporters the unique opportunity to see a performance by Tino Wallenda."

For tickets or information on sponsorship, visit [www.ourmothershome.com](http://www.ourmothershome.com) or call 267-4663.✽

## Cape Coral Festival Of The Arts

The Rotary Club of Cape Coral will hold its 29th annual Cape Coral Festival of the Arts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12.

As one of Southwest Florida's largest art shows, this event showcases the works of more than 300 juried artists and artisans featuring fine art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, metal works and mixed media.

The festival takes place on Cape Coral Parkway in downtown Cape Coral between Del Prado Boulevard and Vincennes Street. Free admission and parking will be provided along with one of the area's largest collections of art, food and fun for the whole family.

A few of the artists showing their works include Cindylee Sly and Dawn Weber of Wood Nymph Creative Artistry,

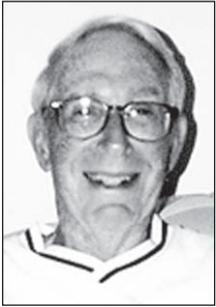
LLC and returning past poster artist Gretchen Serrano of Paw Palettes. This year's official poster artist is Mark J. Thomas of Natural Selection Nature Photography. Thomas' work has been selected as a category winner in the annual Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards competition. His hummingbird image will appear in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History through Spring 2015.

This year's event sponsors include The Cape Coral Community Redevelopment Agency, Achieva Credit Union, Realmark Development, Waste Pro, King Chiropractic, Destination Boat Clubs, Emarketing, Intergraphic Creative Group, *Happenings Magazine*, NBC-2, Direct Impressions, 96.9 More FM, Fox News 92.5, 94.5 The Arrow, Camp Rigby Roofing & Sheetmetal and CapeCoral.com.

Volunteers are needed. Call David at 986-5199. For more information, call 699-7942 or visit <http://capecoralfestival.com>.✽

## Third Baseball Scout Jailed In Kickback Scheme Indicates Serious Recruiting Problems In Latin America

by Ed Frank



Major League baseball executives met this week in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, to hammer out details for the upcoming 2014 season along with the perennial hot stove league wheeling and dealing for players.

But we wonder whether there was any action at all, or even any discussions, about ongoing problems involving the recruiting of potential big leaguers in Latin America.

For several years we have written about the difficulties in verifying the ages of these youngsters, the heavy-handed treatment of teenage players by so-called agents in those countries and the lack of education for so many of these boys who dream of stardom in the major leagues.

The latest chapter in this serious issue unfolded recently in federal court in Chicago when the third former Chicago White Sox scouting official in the Dominican Republic was sent to prison in an elaborate kickback scheme that was masterminded by his boss.

Sentenced to eight months in prison was Victor Mateo, once a promising player in the New York Yankees organization whose career was cut short by injury. He switched to scouting and was hired by the White Sox in 2006 to scour the talent-rich Dominican Republic.

## Evening With The Red Sox February 24

The 9th annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's Evening with the Red Sox dinner and auction has been scheduled for Monday, February 24.

"Last year, we had the largest turnout with more than 310 in attendance," said Jim Larkin, general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers and chairperson for the event. "With the Red Sox winning the 2013 World Series, we are hoping to increase attendance this year and funds raised for our local at-risk youth."

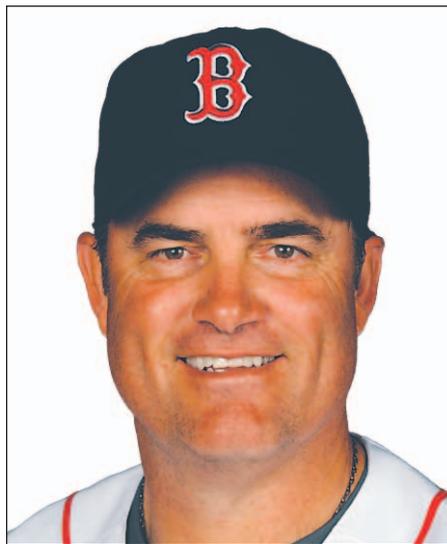
For the second consecutive year, the event will be held at JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the Red Sox's 106-acre spring training and player development complex, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers. Once again, Red Sox players will be in attendance signing autographs along with Red Sox Manager and American League Manager of the Year runner-up John Farrell as the event's special-guest speaker. Last year's event included autograph signings with Red Sox players Dustin Pedroia and Mike Napoli as well as Farrell.

Returning as presenting sponsor for 2014 is Ted Todd Insurance. Additional sponsorships and tables are now available from \$1,250 to \$10,000. Donations for auction items are also being accepted.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. and includes a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent and live auctions, autograph signings and dinner.

In 2014, the BGCLC will celebrate 40 years of providing quality youth programs in Lee County. Funds raised during the event provide more than 30,000 hours of service to more than 420 young people in the community. Last year, more than 1,300 youth demonstrated academic success, character and leadership and healthy lifestyles from the agency's programs.

"These youth rely on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County to provide a safe



John Farrell

place to explore their interests and learn valuable life skills," said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer for the BGCLC. "This cannot be accomplished without the generous support of businesses and individuals in our community."

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The BGCLC strives to provide a safe, world-class club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through its doors. The organization envisions all of its members graduating high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Clubs are located in communities with the greatest need where similar services are limited or nonexistent. Membership dues are \$10 per school year so that all children can have access to its programs. The BGCLC relies upon the philanthropic support of individuals, corporations and foundations in order to sustain and grow its services.

For more information, contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886 or slane@bgclc.net.✪

He admitted forcing three young Dominicans to pay him kickbacks from their signing bonuses.

His sentencing culminated a federal probe in which Mateo and two other White Sox officials, including David Wilder, the team's senior director of player personnel, pleaded guilty in the kickback scheme.

Mateo claimed that Wilder directed him to overstate the talent of prospects to inflate their signing bonuses and then demand cash kickbacks from the prospects. Wilder was fired by the White Sox and was sentenced earlier this year to two years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$400,000 to the team in restitution.

The third scout involved in the scandal, Jorge Oquendo Rivera, is serving a year in prison.

It's doubtful whether these jail terms will end the baseball problems in Latin America.

The shady environment of Latin American baseball was detailed last year in a movie involving the Minnesota Twins' top prospect, Miquel Sano, and the difficulties in verifying his age through records in the Dominican Republic.

In fairness to major league baseball, efforts have been made to clean-up the multitude of problems and issues in scouting, recruiting and handling of Latin America prospects. But problems remain and likely will continue until stronger measures are taken.

### 25th Annual Shark Shootout This Weekend In Naples

Greg Norman's popular Shark Shootout, featuring 24 of the world's top professional golfers, returns to the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples this weekend.

Twelve two-man teams will vie for the \$3.1-million purse during three days of competition that includes a modified alternate format Friday, a better ball Saturday and a final-round scramble on Sunday. The Golf Channel will cover the first-day's round and NBC will broadcast the weekend play.

Defending champions Sean O'Hair and Kenny Perry, the recently crowned 2013 Champions Tour Schwab Cup Champion, will return to defend their title.

The following are the remaining 11 two-man teams:

Jonas Blixt and Greg Norman; Ian Poulter and Lee Westwood; Harris English and Matt Kuchar; Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker; Jason Dufner and Dustin Johnson; Chris DiMarco and Billy Horschel; Mark Calcavecchia and Chad Campbell; Rory Sabbatini and Scott Verplank; Graham DeLaet and Mike Weir; Charles Howell III and Justin Leonard; Retief Goosen and Boo Weekley.

### Everblades Begin Eastern Road Trip This Week

The Florida Everblades began a four-game Eastern road trip this week holding down second place in the ECHL South Division with a 14-6-1-1 season record. They trailed South Carolina by five points.

The trip includes stops in Elmira, Reading and Wheeling before returning to home ice December 20-21 when they will host Greenville at Germain Arena.✪

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Co-owners Peter and Jeannie Kendall and Amy with Walt Costello

## Craft Brewery Grand Opening

A new local craft brewery is opening its doors to the public this Saturday, December 14. Point Ybel Brewing Company is the brainchild of long time Sanibel residents Walt and Amy Costello. The grand opening will take place from noon to 7 p.m., offering an assortment of ales, merchandise and music. “We’ve been waiting a long time for a good local craft brewer to come,” said John Nader, owner of The Great White Grill on Sanibel. “Everyone asks us what the local beer is and we didn’t have an answer. Now we do.”

The brewery and tasting room is located at 16120 San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers. “We wanted to start up on Sanibel,” said Walt Costello, “but beer brewing is considered manufacturing on the island and would have been hard to do.”

“I first heard about Walt and Amy Costello in the spring of 2012,” said Peter Kendall, co-owner of Point Ybel Brewing Co. Kendall and some friends had planned to introduce an island based craft beer named Sanibel Red and was looking at options for making the product. The Costellos were already brewing up some great beers on their back porch.

Kendall approached the Costellos and asked them if they would make his brand of Sanibel Red. They merged their assets and efforts and built a bigger brewery. After a year of working out the kinks, getting all the recipes set for the larger brewing system, and building the tasting room, they are ready to open the doors to the public.

The brewing company will offer six different ales for customers to taste at the grand opening: Endless Summer Pale Ale, Sanibel Red Ale, YAY Saison Ale, No-See-Um Extra Pale Ale, Snook Bite India Pale Ale and Black Mangrove Dark Ale.

The company name comes from the Sanibel Lighthouse, which is named Point Ybel on nautical charts.✪

### Financial Focus

## When Opportunity Knocks, Open The Door

by Jennifer Basey



If you’ve been around long-time investors, you’ll probably hear them say, ruefully, “If only I had gotten in on the ground floor of such-and-such computer or social media company, I’d be rich today.”

That may be true – but is it really relevant to anyone? Do you have to be an early investor of a spectacular company to achieve investment success?

Not really. Those early investors of the “next big thing” couldn’t have fully anticipated the tremendous results enjoyed by those companies. But these investors all had one thing in common: They were ready, willing and able to look for good opportunities.

And that’s what you need to do, too. Of course, you may never snag the next big thing, but that’s not the point. If you’re going to be a successful investor, you need to be diligent in your search for new opportunities. And these opportunities don’t need to be brand-new to the financial markets – they can just be new to you.

For example, when you look at your investment portfolio, do you see the same types of investments? If you own mostly aggressive growth stocks, you have the possibility of gains – but, at the same time, you do risk taking losses, from which it may take years to recover. On the other hand, if you’re “overloaded” with certificates of deposit (CDs) and

Treasury bills, you may enjoy protection of principal but at the cost of growth potential, because these investments rarely offer much in the way of returns. In fact, they may not even keep up with inflation, which means that if you own too many of them, you will face purchasing-power risk. To avoid these problems, look for opportunities to broaden your holdings beyond just one or two asset classes.

Here’s another way to take advantage of opportunities: Don’t take a “time out” from investing. When markets are down, people’s fears drive them to sell investments whose prices have declined – thereby immediately turning “paper” losses into real ones – rather than holding on to quality investment vehicles and waiting for the market to recover. But successful investors are often rewarded when they not only hold on to investments during declines but also increase their holdings by purchasing investments whose prices have fallen – or adding new shares to existing investments – thereby following the first rule of investing: Buy low. When the market rises again, these investors should see the value of their new investments, or the shares of their existing ones, increase in value. (Keep in mind, though, that, when investing in stocks, there are no guarantees; some stocks do lose value and may never recover.)

Instead of looking for that one great “hit” in the form of an early investment in a skyrocketing stock, you’re better off by seeking good opportunities in the form of new investments that can broaden your existing portfolio or by adding additional shares, at good prices, to your existing investments. These moves are less glitzy and glamorous than getting in on the ground floor of the next big thing – but, in the long run, they may make you look pretty smart indeed.

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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1965	5097	\$2,990,000	\$2,700,000	155
Captiva Beach	Captiva	1981	1879	\$1,495,000	\$1,425,000	321
Edgewater At Gulf Harbour	Fort Myers	2000	3329	\$1,009,000	\$960,000	83
Sandpiper Point	St. James City	2004	2938	\$975,000	\$880,000	440
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2004	3909	\$754,900	\$693,000	106
Laguna Lakes	Fort Myers	2004	2932	\$569,900	\$525,000	20
Catalina Isles	Fort Myers	2007	4346	\$519,900	\$510,000	112
River Forest Island	Fort Myers	1989	2379	\$489,000	\$460,000	11
Sabal Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1990	1500	\$439,000	\$425,000	11
Coco Bay	Fort Myers	2005	2226	\$420,000	\$400,000	253

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dearPharmacist

## Why You Need Probiotics Year-Round



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

What is your go-to supplement for immunity? I want to get through the season without getting sick this year.

LS, Long Island, New York

Probiotics, because your immune system is in your GI tract. Probiotics also improve energy and metabolism by activating thyroid hormone. This makes you feel energetic and helps you lose weight. Your microbiome includes beneficial bacteria that extract vitamins and minerals from your food, thus "feeding" your cells. A person can eat and eat, and it won't support you nutritionally at a cellular level unless the nutrients are extracted from your meals. This is why overweight people are actually malnourished at the cellular level.

Probiotics improve allergies by retraining your immune cells to tell the difference between harmful and non-harmful things you are exposed to. This is particularly helpful to asthmatics. Probiotics improve autoimmune

conditions by helping your system differentiate between "self" and "non-self" particles so that your immune cells (born in your intestines) don't overreact to your thyroid gland, or your myelin for example.

Probiotics relieve constipation and that reduces headaches because if you eliminate waste properly then toxins don't build up in your body. My rule is, if toxins build up in your blood, they back up in your head. These toxins are "migraines," they go off in your body like a grenade, causing migraines. Probiotics get rid of some migraines.

Probiotics help rid you of excess neurotransmitters. If you are stressed, nervous, sad, overwhelmed or you cry easily, I suggest taking probiotics. They influence hundreds of genes in your body including the genes that help you fight infection which is a terrific perk this time of year. I suggest taking them while you're on the antibiotic (don't make the mistake of waiting). After you swallow your antibiotic pills, it eventually exits your gut and enters your bloodstream and that's the time to take your probiotic supplement. Wait about two hours after your medicine, then take your probiotic. High-quality products are sometimes fermented to combine different strains. Here are some of the most popular strains found in supplements:

**Bifidobacterium breve** – Prevents diarrhea and supports natural antibody production.

**Bifidobacterium infantis** – Fights E. Coli and protects against inflammation of the colon and stomach.

**Bifidobacterium longum** – Protects you from the negative effects of nitrates in food, ease lactose intolerance, diarrhea and food allergies.

**Enterococcus faecalis or TH-10** – Very potent against some deadly organisms, this strain also removes toxins in the colon, digests proteins (proteolytic) and helps allergies.

**Lactobacillus acidophilus** – Neutralizes yeast, campylobacter and some flu strains, while helping to lower cholesterol levels. You often see this in yogurt, though I am not convinced it's alive for long in yogurt.

**Lactobacillus bulgaricus** – May help digestive problems and acid reflux.

**Lactobacillus plantarum** – Protects against some gram-negative bacteria and produces natural antibodies. Often found in sauerkraut and pickles.

**Streptococcus thermophilus** – Possesses strong antioxidant activity due to "superoxide dismutase," an enzyme known to have anti-tumor activity.

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## Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to five years of age.

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be held December 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunbar Jupiter Hamman Public Library, 3095 Blount Street, Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 88 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.✱

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic illnesses.

### Dear Mom & Me,

Years ago as children, my sister and I heard our parents say, "Don't ever put me in a nursing home," or what is now called an assisted living facility.

Times change, living conditions change and longevity changes as does health and families, and maybe most of all costs and financial resources change.

How do you suggest we get out of this one?

Helen

### Dear Helen,

No one should ever be made to promise that they would never do some-

thing because you never know what is your fate down the road. For many people who did promise never to do something, there is positively no other option, or destroy their own or their family's life.

Your parents expressed their opinion at the time, not knowing what would happen down the road. I feel that you are caring for your family and whatever you decide will be the proper choice.

Lizzie

### Dear Helen,

Assisted living communities are not today's skilled nursing facilities. Assisted living communities are apartments with social and some medical support. The social support includes scheduled activities, meals and transportation. The medical support includes medication, administration and various other activities depending on the county standards. Nursing homes are still nursing homes, designed for individuals needing skilled nursing care,

Whether assisted living or nursing homes, it is a difficult transition for an individual to leave one's own home. Sometimes, unfortunately, individuals cannot continue to live safely in their own home.

It is difficult to make promises about the future when we do not know what the future will hold. I know this time in any families' journey is difficult and you will make the best decisions.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).✱

## Lee County VA Healthcare Center Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

The Lee County VA Healthcare Center, located in Cape Coral, will mark its first full year of activation on December 17. Operated by the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (VAHCS), the 220,000-square-foot center officially opened to veterans on December 17, 2012 following a ribbon cutting, or grand opening ceremony, held on December 7 the same year. The facility replaced the VA outpatient clinic previously located in Fort Myers.

"The Lee County VA Healthcare Center has had a tremendous first year of activation," said Suzanne M. Klinker, director. "The new center has greatly expanded our ability to provide primary and specialty health care services to the men and women we have the privilege to serve in Southwest Florida."

Since activation, the large multi-specialty outpatient facility has treated about 35,000 Veterans and completed nearly 255,000 medical appointments – a five percent workload increase from 2012. In addition, more than 1,300 new patients have enrolled for care at the facility.

Throughout 2013, the facility expanded and added new services to include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT); physical therapy and occupational therapy; and expanded outpatient surgery services in ophthalmology, podiatry and urology. Future surgical program expansions, as well expansions in dentistry, urgent care and women's health are expected in 2014.

The center continues to hire new employees as services expand. Currently, the facility employs about 480 clinical and administrative professionals. Individuals interested employment at the facility can view open positions and apply online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

To learn more about the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and the Lee County VA Healthcare Center, visit [www.baypines.va.gov](http://www.baypines.va.gov) or like them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/VABayPines](http://www.facebook.com/VABayPines).✱

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The Calendar Girls are decked out for the holidays

## Calendar Girls To Perform

On December 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., The Calendar Girls and Frosty the Snowman will be at the Goulet's, 405 Nicholas Parkway East in Cape Coral. Christmas lights will be aglow, and the girls will be handing out popcorn and small gifts for the children.\*

## Chairpersons Named For 2014 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest

E laine Hawkins and Dorothy Fitzgerald have been named chairpersons of the 2014 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest event. The fundraiser will be held February 21 and 22 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

Hawkins is president of Fort Myers-based Private Client Insurance Services and Specialty Risk Management Services. Active in the community, she sits on the board of directors of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc.

"We are honored and excited to be a part of this fundraiser that is so vital to Southwest Florida," said Hawkins. "Our new children's hospital will positively affect everyone's quality of life, which ultimately, impacts our economy."

Fitzgerald, an attorney and accomplished health care executive who has helped to build three hospitals in the northeast, is on the board of directors of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc. She is a managing member of Sanibel Girl, a Sanibel Island retailer which donates profits from sales and custom design to local charities, and is active with Sanibel-Captiva Cares, which to-date has raised \$5 million in support of the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

"I am passionate about giving back," said Fitzgerald. "Charity is a principle, not a dollar amount."

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is a two-day event that begins with dinners featuring select vintners and local chefs in private homes from Fort Myers to Naples on Friday, February 21, and concludes with a Grand Tasting and Auction the following day, Saturday, February 22 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

Title sponsor of the 2014 event is SKANSKA GATES. Additional sponsors include FineMark National Bank & Trust, LTC Global, Sam Galloway Ford Lincoln, Private Client Insurance Services, Home-Tech and Investors' Security Trust Company. In-kind sponsors are Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, Palm Printing/Printers Ink, Angelina's Ristorante, Jason's Deli and Norman Love Confections.

The festival is organized by Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides funding to local children's causes, and has raised more than \$8.9 million over the last five years. The primary beneficiary is the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, which is scheduled to open in 2016 at HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers. The state-of-the-art family-center children's hospital will provide new and expanded pediatric medical services and subspecialty services to children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

The Wine Fest also helps support the Edison State College Pediatric Nursing Program and Florida Gulf Coast University's music therapy program at the Bower School of Music.

For Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest tickets, sponsorships or additional information, contact Southwest Florida Children's Charities, Inc. at 513-7990, email info@swflwinefest.org or visit www.swflwinefest.org.\*

## School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



**Dear Shelley,** My high school daughter has recently had quite a few writing assignments that require her to write for an audience.

Writing for an audience seems to be a new emphasis. Why is writing for an audience important and do you have any tips to make this easier for her?

Glenda B., Sanibel

### Glenda,

It sounds like your daughter's teacher is focusing on one of the new Common Core Anchor Standards in Writing. This standard is part of the ELA Literacy section of the Common Core, which reads: "Produces clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience."

Rebecca Albers, teacher and Edutopia editor, says, "The goal of having students write for an actual audience is that it puts them in a situation of having to really think about purpose, organization, and word choice. They aren't just doing it for the sake of a grade or because 'we have to.'"

Below are Ms. Albers pre-writing questions to help a students focus on

writing for an audience. She suggests that students answer this questions prior to a writing assignment so that they can develop a strong purpose and vision for their writing.

Role: What is your primary role in this writing task? Friend? Daughter? Concerned citizen?

Audience: Who is your reader? What do you know about your reader(s) that is helpful?

Format: Which will be most effective? A letter? Essay? Speech? Poem?

Tone: How will you convey your feelings and your position? What words and phrases will you use to do this?

Ms. Albers further states, "Once teachers transform traditional writing tasks into real-life ones that include audience, they will see the 'have-tos' turn into a desire to get it done, make it good, and the excitement of getting a response from their reader or readers."

Writing for an audience is an important skill to master and one that your daughter will appreciate having as she begins to write letters to colleges and future employers.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.\*

## Friends Who Care Needs Gift Sorters And Wrappers

Friends Who Care is seeking volunteers to help with sorting and wrapping of donated gifts for children and adults.

The organization has been assisting island residents since 1983, providing help for children and adults in crisis-related situations. Friends Who Care works anonymously through information from local churches, schools and other caring individuals in the community.

Many volunteers have helped collect gifts including the Sanibel Post Office, Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, Shell Islands Garden Club, ABWA, The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club, Sanibel Island Golf Club, The Sanctuary Golf Club, The Senior Center, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel-Captiva Association of Realtors, Sanibel Community Church, and Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

The local service clubs, Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary, have contributed funds and so have private individuals, local realtors and churches as well as Bailey's General Store and Jerry's Market.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday, December 17 at 3 p.m. is sorting day at The Community House, 2173 Perwinkle Way, Sanibel.

- Wednesday, December 18 at 9 a.m.

is wrapping day.

Drop by either or both days to volunteer, adults only. Call Sally or Theresa at 472-5152 if you have questions.

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club delivers gifts to the children and seniors on the islands on the evening of December 23 during the annual Santa Run.\*

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## Lecture Series

Charles LeBuff, local historian and author

February 12 – Feed My People Al Brislain, President and CEO, Harry Chapin Food Bank

February 19 – A Portrait of Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor

Joanna Olson, actress

February 26 – You Don't Have to be a Minister to Talk About Business Ethics Dawn-Marie Driscoll, business ethics expert

The one-hour lectures/presentations begin at 10 a.m., preceded by coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. No advance registration is required. The lectures will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. Call 334-8937 or visit www.covpcfm.com for additional information.\*

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# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. MUSIC: Who wrote the song "A Boy Named Sue," which was made famous by singer Johnny Cash?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state's capital is Augusta?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which fashion designer popularized the mini-skirt?
4. COMICS: What was L'il Abner's last name in the comic strip?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president for whom women could cast a ballot?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which Canadian province lies between Alberta and Manitoba?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What bird is the fastest runner on land?
8. SCIENCE: What was inventor Thomas Edison's middle name?
9. LITERATURE: What was the pen name of William Sydney Porter?
10. LANGUAGE: What kind of game is "draughts" in Great Britain?

## ANSWERS

1. Shel Silverstein 2. Maine 3. Mary Quant 4. Yokum 5. Warren Harding, 1920  
6. Saskatchewan 7. Ostrich 8. Alva 9. O. Henry 10. Checkers.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Braves player before Justin Upton in 2013 to have seven home runs in his first 12 games of the season?
2. Name the pitcher who holds the major-league record for most games in a season.
3. When was the last time before 2012 that Stanford's football team won a conference title in the Pac-12?
4. How many times did Wilt Chamberlain average at least 30 points and 20 rebounds per game for a season?
5. Name the number of times since 1994 that a No. 8 seed beat a No. 1 seed in a play-off series in the NHL.
6. When was the last time Argentina's men's soccer team reached the semifinals of the World Cup?
7. Who recorded the best finish by a female jockey at the Kentucky Derby before Rosie Napravnik finished fifth in 2013?

## ANSWERS

1. Dale Murphy, in 1985. 2. Mike Marshall of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched in 106 games in 1974. 3. He was 1999. 4. Seven times during his 14-year NBA career. 5. Ten times. 6. It was 1990. 7. The same Rosie Napravnik finished ninth at the Kentucky Derby in 2011.

## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it -- and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpian stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming

holiday season with a full measure of love.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first published "Poor Richard's Almanack." The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in colonial America.

- On Dec. 17, 1843, Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" is published. Dickens never lost momentum as a writer, churning out major novels every year or two, often in serial form. Among his most important works are "David Copperfield" (1850), "Great Expectations" (1861) and "A Tale of Two Cities" (1859).

- On Dec. 18, 1912, after three years of digging in the Piltown gravel pit in Sussex, England, amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson announces the discovery of two skulls that appear to belong to a primitive hominid and ancestor of man.

- On Dec. 21, 1945, Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, dies from injuries suffered not in battle, but in a freak car accident. He was 60 years old. Descended from a long line of military men, Patton graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1909.

- On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla named Colo enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. She went on to become a mother, grandmother, and in 1996, a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo is still alive today.

- On Dec. 16, 1960, two airliners collide over New York City, killing 134 people aboard the planes and on the ground. A miscalculation by the pilot of the United flight put his plane directly into the path of a TWA

Super Constellation. Christmas presents carried by the planes' passengers were strewn all over the streets.

- On Dec. 20, 1989, the United States invades Panama in an attempt to overthrow military dictator Manuel Noriega, who had been indicted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges. Noriega's Panamanian Defense Forces were promptly crushed.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American author Erica Jong who made the following sage observation: "Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't."

- Jon Bon Jovi is probably best known for his eponymous '80s hair band, but he's also quite a philanthropist, working on behalf of organizations including the Special Olympics, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. In 2011, the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation opened a restaurant called JBJ Soul Kitchen, in which patrons pay only what they can afford, or can even volunteer in lieu of payment.

- Those who study such things say that all mammals, from rodents to elephants, urinate for approximately 21 seconds. This now is known as the "Law of Urination."

- A poll conducted by Gallup determined that 42 percent of Americans believe that people are sometimes possessed by the devil.

- Scientists unearthed frozen 30,000-year-old plant tissue from fossil squirrel burrows in northeastern Siberia. This would not be remarkable, except for what came next: Researchers thawed the seeds and planted them. The seeds germinated and grew, producing viable seeds of their own, making [START ITALIC] *Silene stenophylla* [END ITALIC] the oldest viable multicellular living organisms.

- If you die without any friends or family to attend your funeral, Amsterdam is apparently the place to do it. In that city, a civil servant will provide flowers and a poet will compose a eulogy in verse for those who would otherwise make an unaccompanied and unmourned final journey.

- If you leave a cold glass on a table, it's likely to leave a mark. The Italians (of course) have a word for that mark: *cualacino*.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

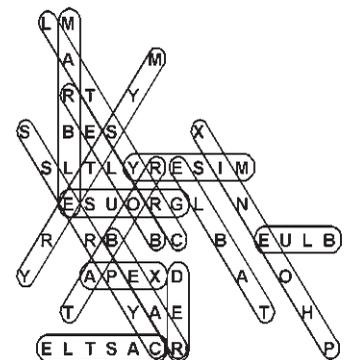
"The secret of success is to know something nobody else knows." -- Aristotle Onassis

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## MOUNTAIN : CANADIAN SKI AREAS





**Sunshine Sweet Potatoes**

- 2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper

**Streusel Topping**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup, packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pecans, toasted and chopped
- 1/4 cup margarine, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine the topping ingredients in a small bowl, stirring to form a streusel. Set aside.

Place sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium, cover and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain sweet potatoes and cool. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Transfer sweet potatoes to a large bowl. Using a potato masher or a fork, mash sweet potatoes until smooth.

In a small saucepan, combine honey, orange juice, orange zest, lemon zest, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat, stirring to melt the honey.

Remove from heat. Stir honey mixture into sweet potatoes. Spoon mixture into a 1-quart casserole and smooth down the



Sunshine Sweet Potatoes

top. Sprinkle the streusel mixture evenly over the casserole. Bake until heated through, about 20 to 25 minutes.\*

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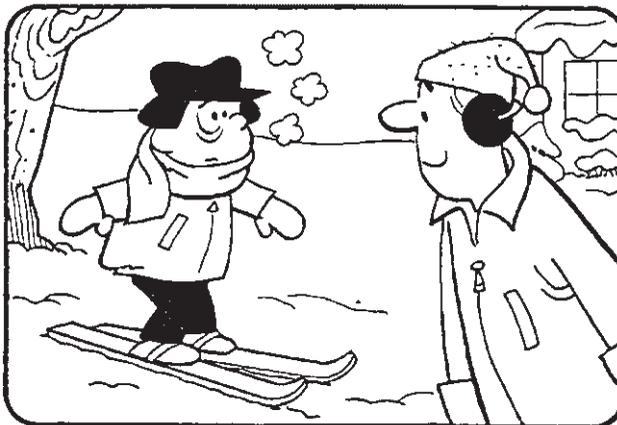
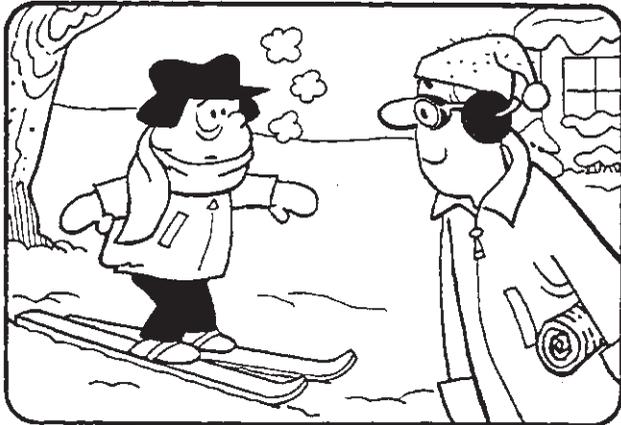
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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

DIFFERENCES: 1. Skis are shorter. 2. Scarf is shorter. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Goggles are missing. 5. Jacket is opened. 6. Newspaper is missing.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**SUDOKU**

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**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Blunt

TUBRAP

Close

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Chase

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Spare

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**TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 27



"Every time I hint at getting married he says he'd like to but it involves too much \_\_\_\_\_ work."

**SCRAMBLERS**

*solution*

1. Abrupt; 2. Nearby;
3. Pursue; 4. Extra

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## HELP WANTED

### HELP WANTED

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\*NS 12/13 CC 12/20

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.

\*NS 11/1 NC TFN

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale the cars below will be sold at public auction. Notice that the owner or Lien Holder may redeem Units by paying all monies Owed plus storage.

12/31/2013 at 10:00am

Manheim Ft Myers 2100 Rockfill Rd  
95 HONDA JHMEG8649SS025690  
95 BUIC 1G4HP52LXSH415118

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of SanCap Gateway Realty, located in Lee County, Florida, with an address of 1177 Causeway Road Sanibel, FL 33957 has registered said name with The Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated the 3rd of December 2013.

Robert A. Coscia

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Carmen Rodriguez

Registration # G13000117046

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## LOST AND FOUND

### TOOL BOX WASHES UP ON SANIBEL



This tool box with motor parts washed up on shore Saturday morning, May 8 about 8:30 on the beach at Sundial Resort on Sanibel Island. To claim call Sundial Resort Security 239-472-4151.

\*NS 6/14 CC TFN

### FOUND

Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.

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THE RIVER  
WEEKLY NEWS  
FROM THE BEACHES TO THE RIVER DISTRICT  
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		6		9				7
	2				3		8	
9			4		5	6		

# SUDOKU

**To play Sudoku:**  
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)  
There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 27

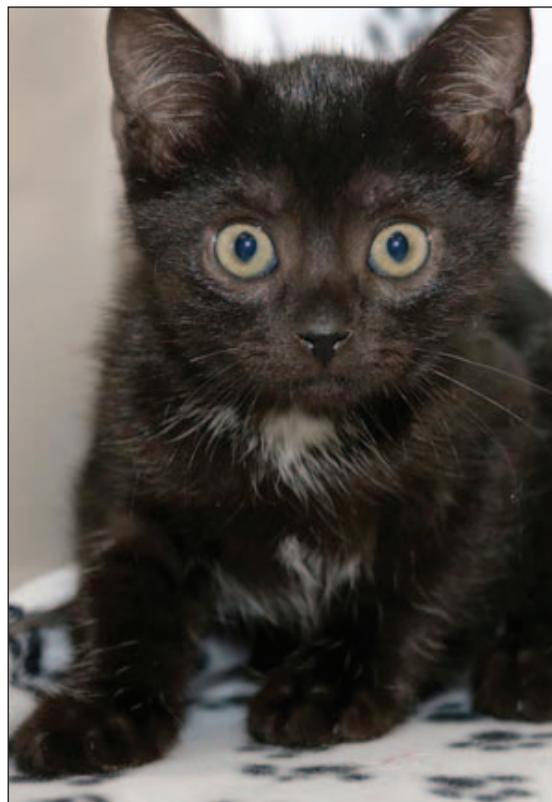
## Pets Of The Week



Dalton ID# 577040

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**H**ello, my name is Dalton. I'm a 3-year-old male brown boxer mix. Just look into my beautiful, expressive eyes and you will see a gentle soul that is waiting to love and be loved. I'm a big teddy bear who is hoping to find my Home 4 The Holidays and forever! My adoption fee is \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee of \$75 when you draw a discount coupon from Animal Services Holiday Stocking. Hello, my name is Hook. I'm a 3-month-old male black domestic short hair. You're going to fall for me - hook, line and sinker! I'm a sweetheart and you can adopt me or any of my black or mostly black feline friends for just \$10. For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com).



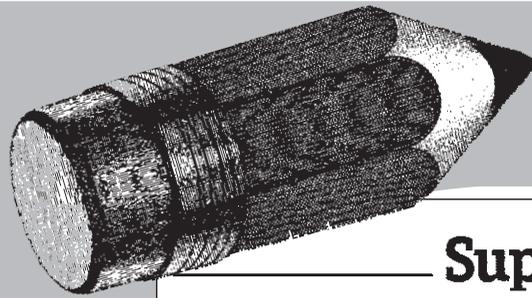
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*When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour, so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available. v*  
*The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.*  
*All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.*  
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- Emergency..... 911
- Lee County Sheriff's Office..... 477-1200
- Florida Marine Patrol..... 332-6966
- Florida Highway Patrol..... 278-7100
- Poison Control..... 1-800-282-3171
- HealthPark Medical Center..... 1-800-936-5321
- Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce..... 332-3624
- Foundation for Quality Childcare..... 425-2685
- Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce..... 454-7500
- Fort Myers Beach Library..... 463-9691
- Lakes Regional Library..... 533-4000
- Lee County Chamber of Commerce..... 931-0931
- Post Office..... 1-800-275-8777
- Visitor & Convention Bureau..... 338-3500
- ARTS**
- Alliance for the Arts..... 939-2787
- Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery..... 332-5055
- Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio..... 337-5050
- Art League Of Fort Myers..... 275-3970
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall..... 481-4849
- BIG ARTS..... 395-0900
- Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre..... 278-4422
- Cultural Park Theatre..... 772-5862
- Edison Festival of Light..... 334-2999
- Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade..... 332-4488
- Florida West Arts..... 948-4427
- Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers..... 472-0168
- Gulf Coast Symphony..... 489-1800
- Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres..... 481-8059
- Naples Philharmonic..... 239-597-1111
- The Schoolhouse Theater..... 472-6862
- S.W. Florida Symphony..... 418-0996
- Theatre Conspiracy..... 936-3239
- Young Artists Awards..... 574-9321
- CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**
- Angel Flight..... 1-877-4AN-ANGEL
- Animal Refuge Center..... 731-3535
- American Business Women Association..... 357-6755
- Audubon of SWFL..... 339-8046
- Audubon Society..... 472-3156
- Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR..... 482-1366
- Caloosahatchee Folk Society..... 321-4620
- Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus..... 1-855-425-3631
- Cape Coral Stamp Club..... 542-9153
- duPont Company Retirees..... 454-1083
- Edison Porcelain Artists..... 415-2484
- Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614
- (United Daughters of the Confederacy @)..... 728-3743
- Friendship Force Of SW FL..... 561-9164
- The Horticulture and Tea Society..... 472-8334
- Horticultural Society..... 472-6940
- Lee County Genealogical Society..... 549-9625
- Lee Trust for Historic Preservation..... 939-7278
- NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees..... 482-6713
- Navy Seabees Veterans of America..... 731-1901
- Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL..... 667-1354
- Sons of Confederate Veterans..... 332-2408
- Southwest Florida Fencing Academy..... 939-1338
- Southwest Florida Music Association..... 561-2118
- Kiwanis Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach..... 765-4254 or 454-8090
- Fort Myers Edison..... 694-1056
- Fort Myers South..... 691-1405
- Gateway to the Islands..... 415-3100
- Iona-McGregor..... 482-0869
- Lions Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach..... 463-9738
- Fort Myers High Noon..... 466-4228
- Estero/South Fort Myers..... 898-1921
- Notre Dame Club of Lee County..... 768-0417
- POLO Club of Lee County..... 477-4906
- Rotary Club of Fort Myers..... 332-8158
- Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society..... 472-6940
- United Way of Lee County..... 433-2000
- United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)..... 211 or 433-3900
- AREA ATTRACTIONS**
- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum..... 395-2233
- Burrough's Home..... 337-9505
- Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium..... 275-3435
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates..... 334-3614
- Fort Myers Skate Park..... 321-7558
- Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium..... 321-7420
- JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge..... 472-1100
- Koreshan State Historic Site..... 239-992-0311
- Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center..... 765-8101
- Skatium..... 321-7510
- Southwest Florida Historical Society..... 939-4044
- Southwest Florida Museum of History..... 321-7430
- True Tours..... 945-0405

If you would like your club/organization listed in The River Calling Card, phone 415-7732



# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

answers on page 25

## Super Crossword

## JOKE TIME JUMBLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Joe of "Raging Bull"
  - 6 Boss woman
  - 13 Gabs with flirtatiously
  - 20 Routinely
  - 21 Explorer Leif
  - 22 Carolina of fashion
  - 23 Bought brass and bronze?
  - 25 Swallow greedily
  - 26 Selected passages
  - 27 Mediocre grades
  - 29 Field marshal Erwin
  - 30 Took a chair
  - 31 Where a beautiful woman swims?
  - 34 Jay-Z hit, e.g.
  - 37 Moon of Jupiter
  - 40 Restroom, for short
  - 41 City in central Sicily
  - 42 "Alas, it's true, Ms. Bergen?"
  - 47 Autumn chill
  - 49 Dolled (up)
  - 50 Library of Congress ID
  - 52 "Hawaiian Favorites" singer
  - 57 "Yer darn —!"
  - 58 Show off parquet work?
  - 62 Ocean Spray flavor prefix
  - 63 Take — (chance it)
  - 65 Oil qty.
  - 66 "... some kind of —?"
  - 67 Ruminant's chew
  - 68 Guthrie launches a Jedi master into a somersault?
  - 73 Addenda to ltrs.
  - 74 Blind as —
  - 76 Hesiod's H
  - 77 Like Carroll's "borogoves"
  - 78 Part of TLC
  - 80 Tinkerbell's ancient milky gem?
  - 84 "The Raven" maiden
  - 86 Blasé feeling
  - 87 Yemen port
  - 88 Sugar quantity
  - 90 During each
  - 92 Maneuver to avoid a traffic jam doesn't work?
  - 96 Hot tub locales
  - 100 Succor
  - 102 Beaverlike rodent
  - 103 Driver's peg
  - 104 Inundate
  - Liotta's bucket?
  - 108 Size up from medium: Abbr.
  - 111 Actor
  - Brando
  - 112 Big drink
  - 113 Recurring melodic fragment
  - 118 Scale ranges
  - 120 What each of this puzzle's eight longest answers is a
  - 93-Down of
  - 123 Least nice
  - 124 Hit from behind
  - 125 Rainer of film
  - 126 Classifies
  - 127 Myopic cartoon guy
  - 128 Rocker Bob
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Pontiff
  - 2 PC-sent page
  - 3 Glue — (adhesive brand)
  - 4 Gives up
  - 5 Prefix with red
  - 6 Pal of Emie
  - 7 Savings plans, briefly
  - 8 Jazz poet
  - Scott-Heron
  - 9 Cato's 1,150
  - 10 Withdrawn from people
  - 11 "True Blood" co-star
  - Stephen
  - 12 Adams of photography
  - 13 "Evita" role
  - 14 Title king for the Bard
  - 15 Strong rival of Sparta
  - 16 — I'oeil
  - 17 Homily
  - 18 Spur
  - 19 Simmered Spanish dish
  - 24 Decided to enter
  - 28 "My Gal —"
  - 31 Dandy fellow
  - 32 GI's address
  - 33 Popular Irish ballad
  - 34 Spellbound
  - 35 Like the conga drum, ethnically
  - 36 Destine
  - 38 Manipulate
  - 39 Fishing stick
  - 43 "— girl!"
  - 44 1986 book by rocker
  - Turner
  - 45 Sassy talk
  - 46 Big inits. in fashion
  - 48 Many a sharable PC file
  - 51 Soft as a — bottom
  - 53 Ending for Rock
  - 54 Like the United Way and NPR
  - 55 Locale-specific regulation
  - 56 Meal bits
  - 58 "What's the —?"
  - 59 Molokai or Maui: Abbr.
  - 60 Penny-pinch
  - 61 Municipal pol.
  - 63 Certain female opera solo
  - 64 Writer Dahl
  - 67 Snug eatery
  - 69 Not a bus.
  - 70 Ms. Zadora
  - 71 Size that's the opp. of 108-Across
  - 72 — clubs (certain card)
  - 75 Capote, to his buddies
  - 79 Kournikova of the court
  - 81 Quick bark
  - 82 Berlin article
  - 83 Yoko —
  - 84 Sticking by
  - 85 In addition
  - 88 35mm camera type
  - 89 Maui paste
  - 91 Impassioned
  - 93 Letter shuffle
  - 94 Hwy. crime
  - 95 Old religious scandal inits.
  - 96 Gallery in western CA
  - 97 Sites
  - 98 Big arteries
  - 99 California county
  - 101 Bad: Prefix
  - 105 Capital of Delaware
  - 106 Bee cluster
  - 107 Pied —
  - 109 Fish parts
  - 110 Come after
  - 113 — concern
  - 114 "—!" ("Me too")
  - 115 Take — at (insult)
  - 116 Hit with a zapping gun
  - 117 — and terminator
  - 119 Aves.
  - 121 Lyric-penning
  - Gershwin
  - 122 Tripod piece

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Crony
- 4 Light (Sp.)
- 7 Summary
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 "A Chorus Line" song
- 14 Entertain
- 15 Energy
- 16 Good product, idiomatically
- 18 Recede
- 19 Be frugal
- 20 Record
- 22 Id counterpart
- 23 Loathe
- 27 Possessed
- 29 "Clue" item
- 31 Cavalry unit
- 34 Guiding principle
- 35 Goes over the books
- 37 Weeding implement
- 38 Brewery output
- 39 Med. plan option
- 41 Creche trio
- 45 Eucalyptus eater
- 47 Heavy weight
- 48 Duke Ellington classic
- 52 Clear the
- 8 Ostrich's cousin
- 9 Scoundrel
- 10 Fool
- 11 Em, en, o, —, kue
- 17 Recognize
- 21 Psalm group
- 23 Seraglio
- 24 Mimic
- 25 Pirouette pivot
- 26 Conclude
- 28 Suitable
- 30 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 31 Bill
- 32 Regret
- 33 Praise in
- 36 Not barefoot
- 37 Empty
- 40 New Zealand native
- 42 Cornered
- 43 Overcharge
- 44 Smaller map
- 45 Dandling locale
- 46 21-Down member
- 48 Turf
- 49 Exist
- 50 Erstwhile M&M's color
- 51 "— Impossible"

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Apex
- Castle
- Marble
- Red
- Bear
- Crystal
- Misery
- Table
- Blue
- Cypress
- Mystery
- Tabor
- Boler
- Grouse
- Phoenix



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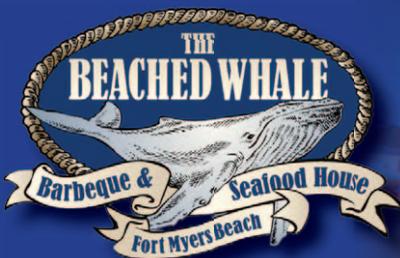


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